Knights of Sidonia 3

TSUTOMU NIHEI

KNIGHTS OF SIDONIA 3 TSUTOMU NIHEI VERTICAL.

"OUCH OUCH..."

Heretofore unwilling to communicate in all but the most zero-sum fashion, humanity's implacable nemesis attempts to interface in gruesomely familiar shape and form. Some of the deepest secrets of the *Sidonia* also come to the fore in this third avidly awaited installment.

"*Knights of Sidonia* sees a new Nihei at work—a *composed* Nihei... But you can't quite take the Nihei out of the stuff; deep down, this is a severely odd, aloof comic, sauntering past genre cliches in elliptic, dialogue-sparse scenes... No recent manga has transfixed me quite so fast…" —Joe McCullough, *The Comics Journal*

"But oh, that look... There's just something about Tsutomu Nihei's style that pushes my buttons in a big way… I'm a fast reader, but it's not too often that a single volume captures me so easily that I'm really happy to re-read it immediately afterwards, just to catch more of its details." —Beasi & Smith, *Manga Bookshelf*

KNIGHTS OF SIDONIA
BY TSUTOMU NIHEI

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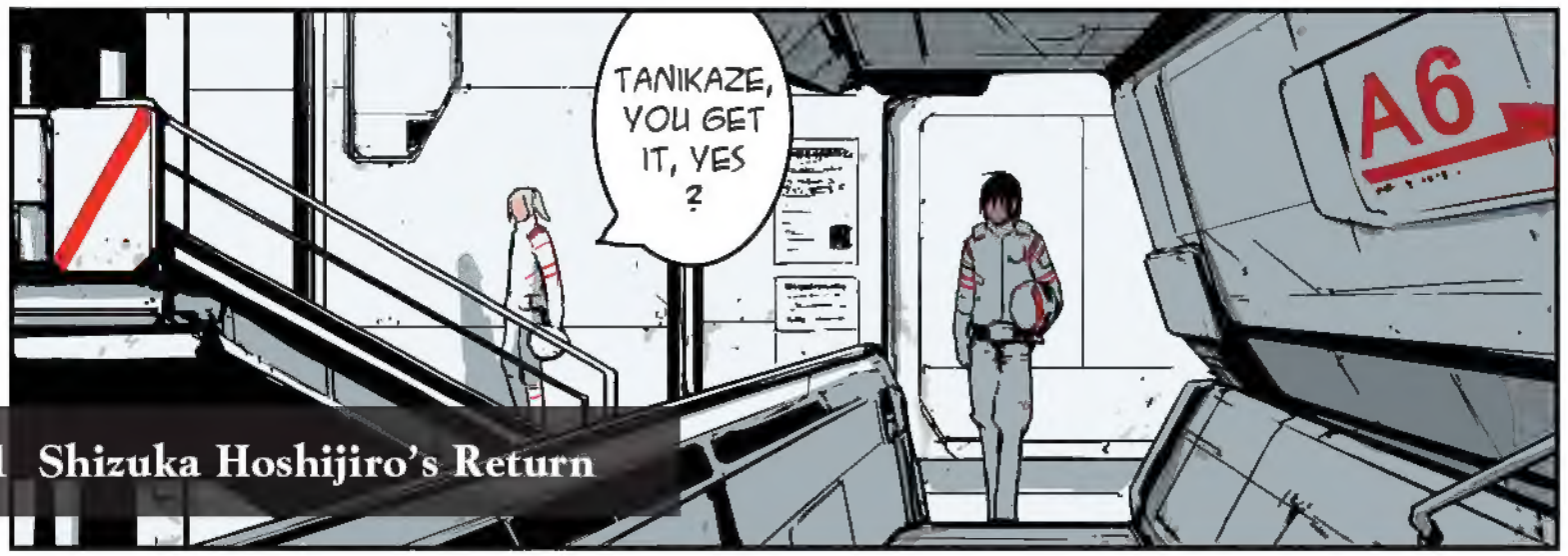
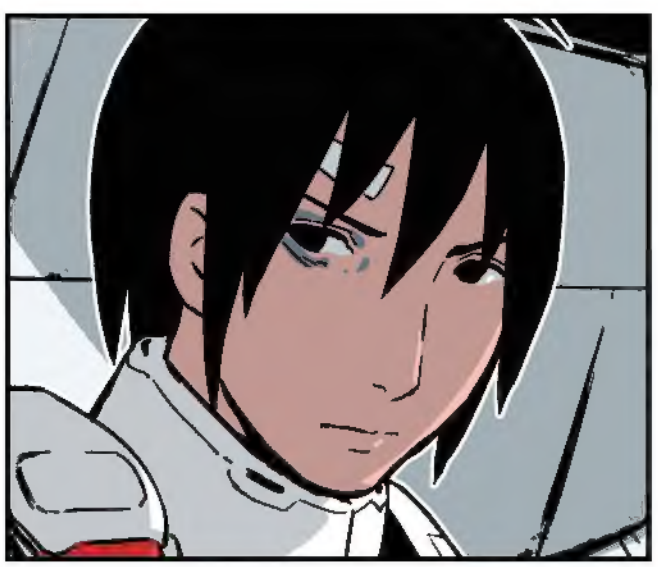
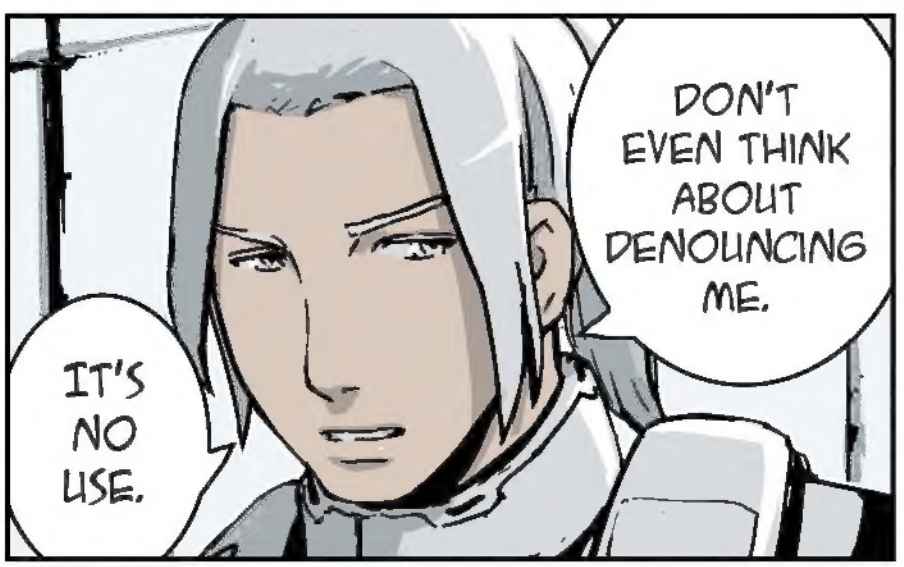
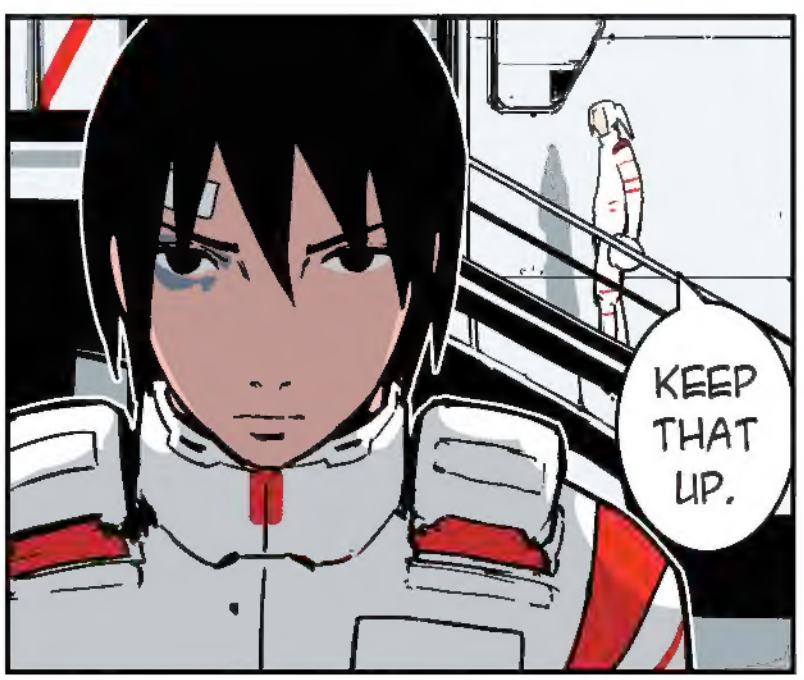
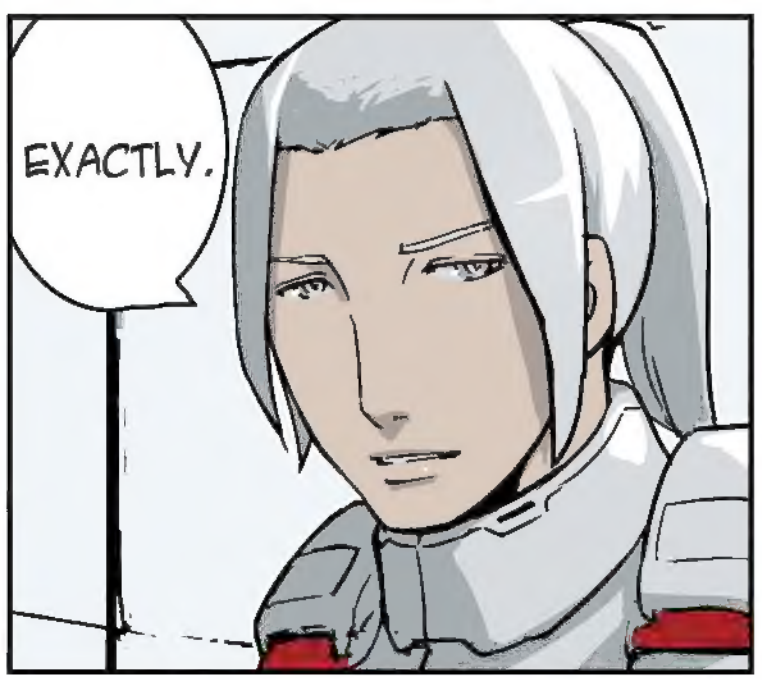
#11 Shizuka Hoshijiro's Return











KNIGHTS OF SIDONIA ③

TSUTOMU NIHEI

SAMARI SQUAD, G489, IMADA SQUAD, G490, AND KUNATO SQUAD, G491, ARE YOUR ATTACK TARGETS!!

G491
G490
G489
SAMARI SQD
KUNATO SQD
IMADA SQD

THERE ARE THREE ENEMY GAUNAS ...

ROGER !
ROGER !

701
705
706
704
TANIKAZE

704
TANIKAZE

AS WHEN G487 REPLICATED A HIGGS PARTICLE CANNON,

GAUNAS DONNING A GARDE-LIKE PLACENTA IS WITHOUT PRECEDENT !

THIS IS DICEY. PAY HEED, ESPECIALLY TO THEIR ARSENAL!

KWEEEM

704

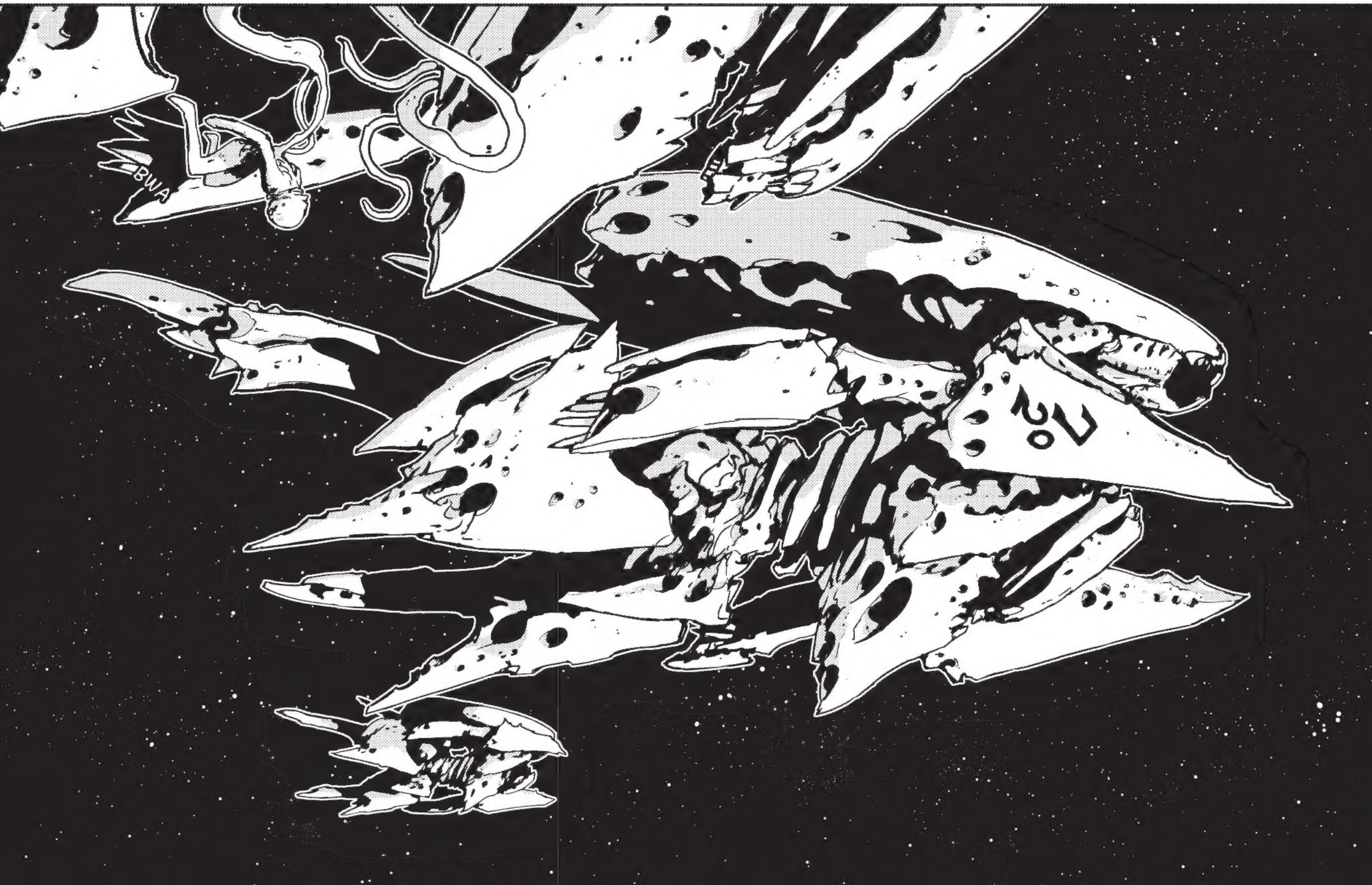
TARGETS IN SIGHT!

WH-WHAT THE HELL ...?!

705

706

704
TANIKAZE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G 490

702

SO IT'S THE GAUNA THAT ATE HOSHIJIRO'S UNIT?

702...?

LOOK WHAT'S DANGLING FROM G491!

ENLARGED

BIP

G 491

G 490

G 491

G 490

ALL THREE OF THEM FANCY THAT THEY'RE HOSHIJIRO'S UNIT? WHAT'S GOING ON?!

G491 G490 G488

704

IT'S JUST PUTTY, DON'T LET IT FOOL YOU!!

THAT'S GAUNA FLESH, PLACENTA!

DAMN THING EVEN REPLICATED THE PILOT!

BFF

BOOM

DISBAND ARRAY !!

BOOM

BOOM

G 489

006 008

005 007

SAMARI SQD

ROGER

ROGER

ROGER

005

SAMARI SQUAD! PURSUING G489 IN A LINE CLASP ARRAY!!

G 490

G 489

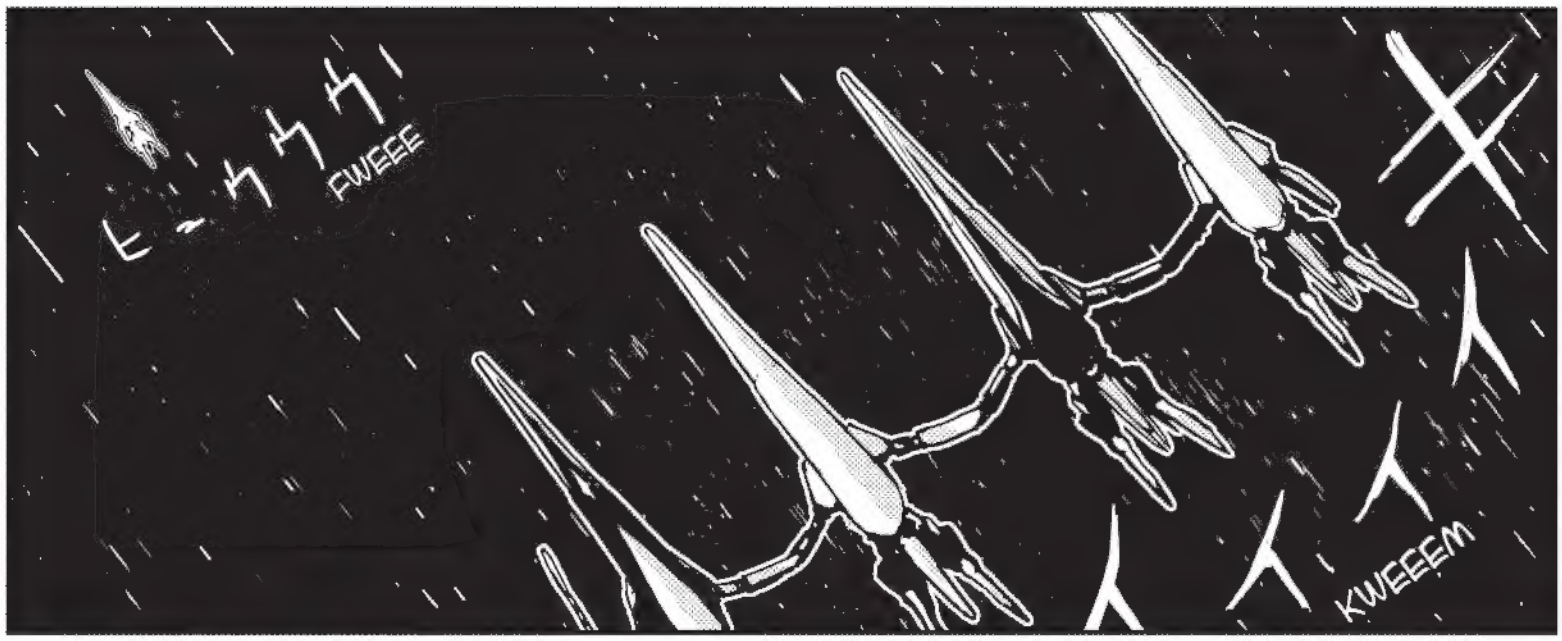
G 491

THE TARGETS HAVE ALSO DISPERSED !!

SAMARI SQD

IMADA SQ

KUNATO SQD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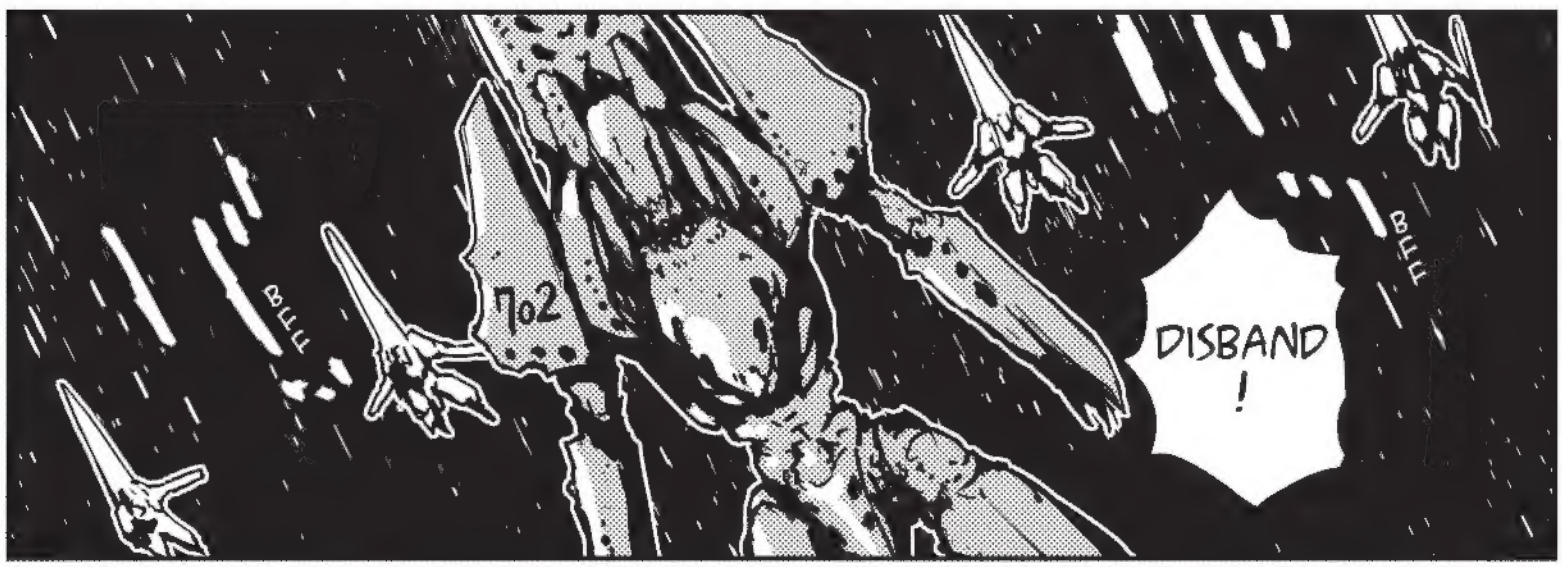
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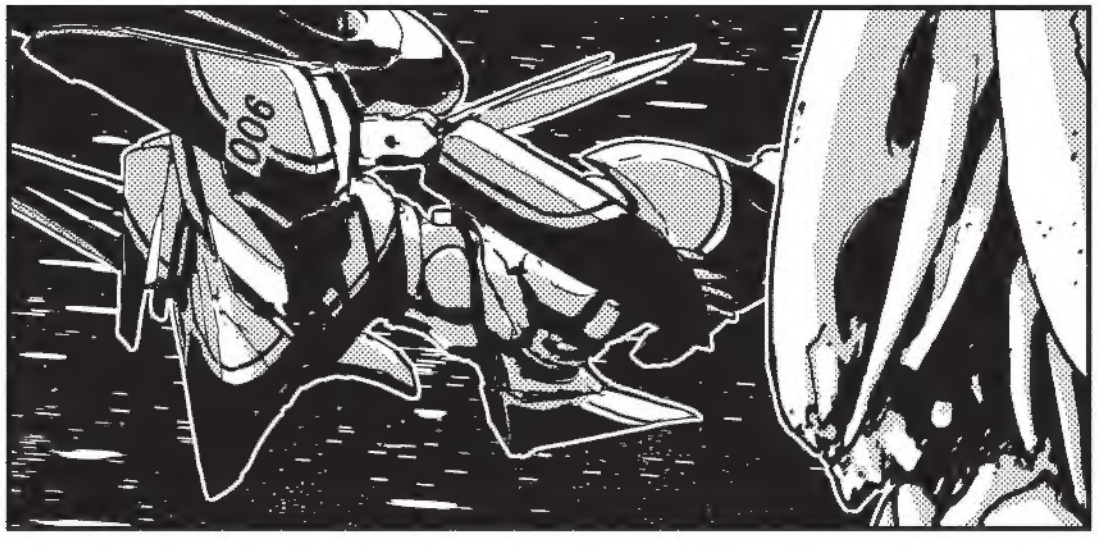
702
DISBAND
!
BLLL

TWIRL
702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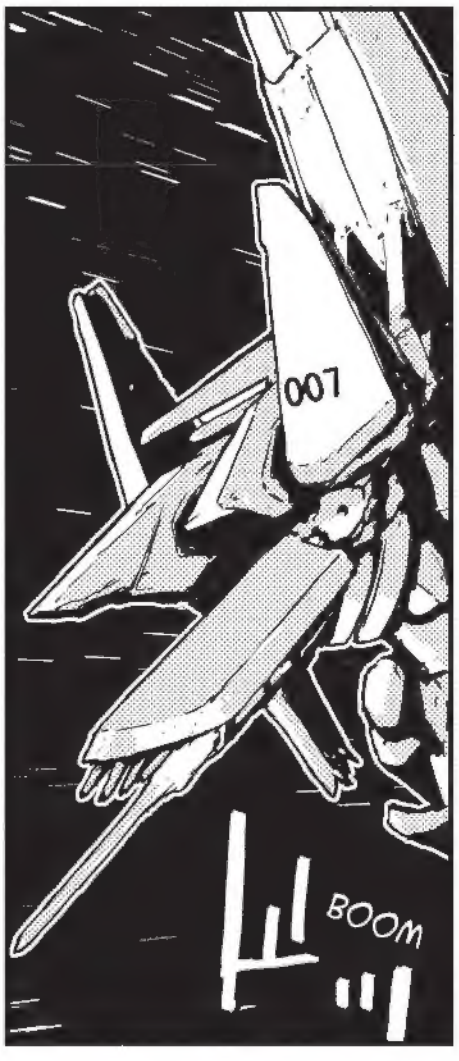
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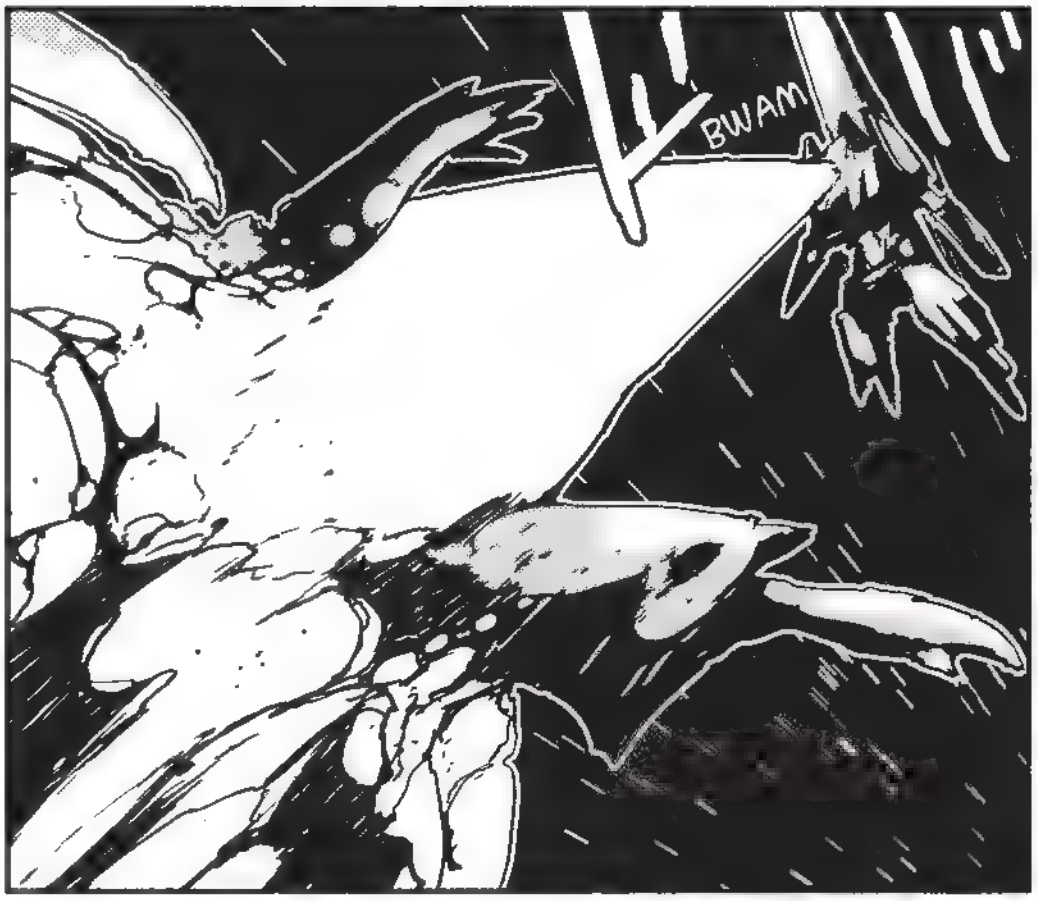
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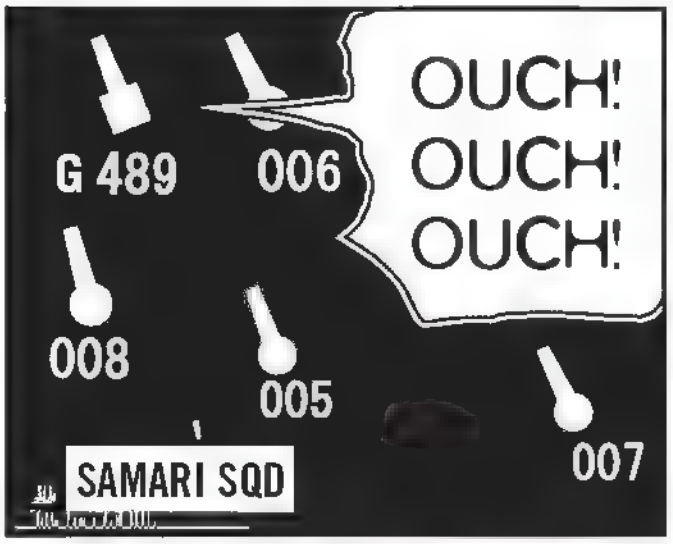
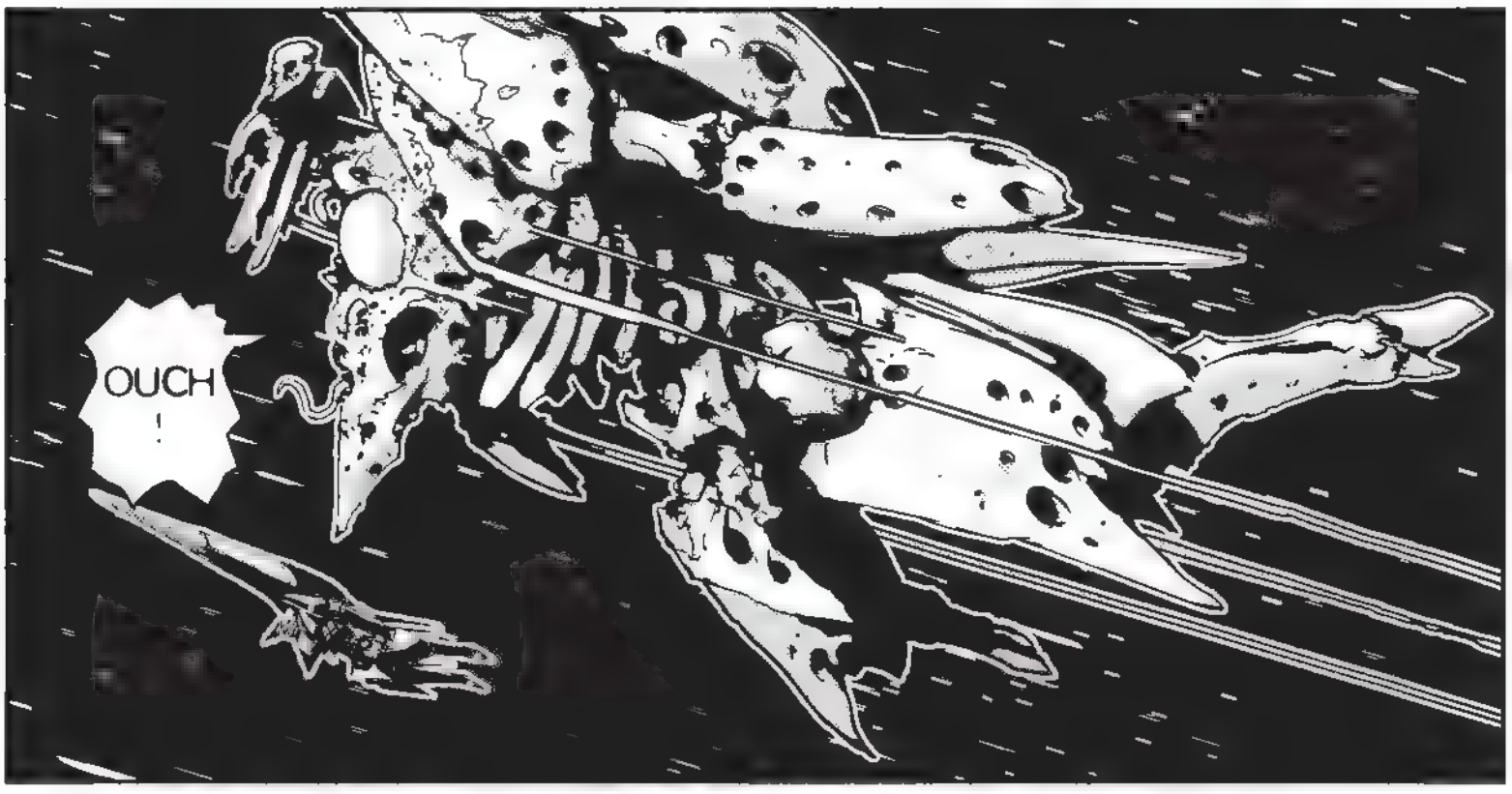
KPAKK
006


G 489
006
OUCH!
OUCH!
008
005
007
SAMARI SQD

6489
CORE
EXPOSED
!
G 489
CORE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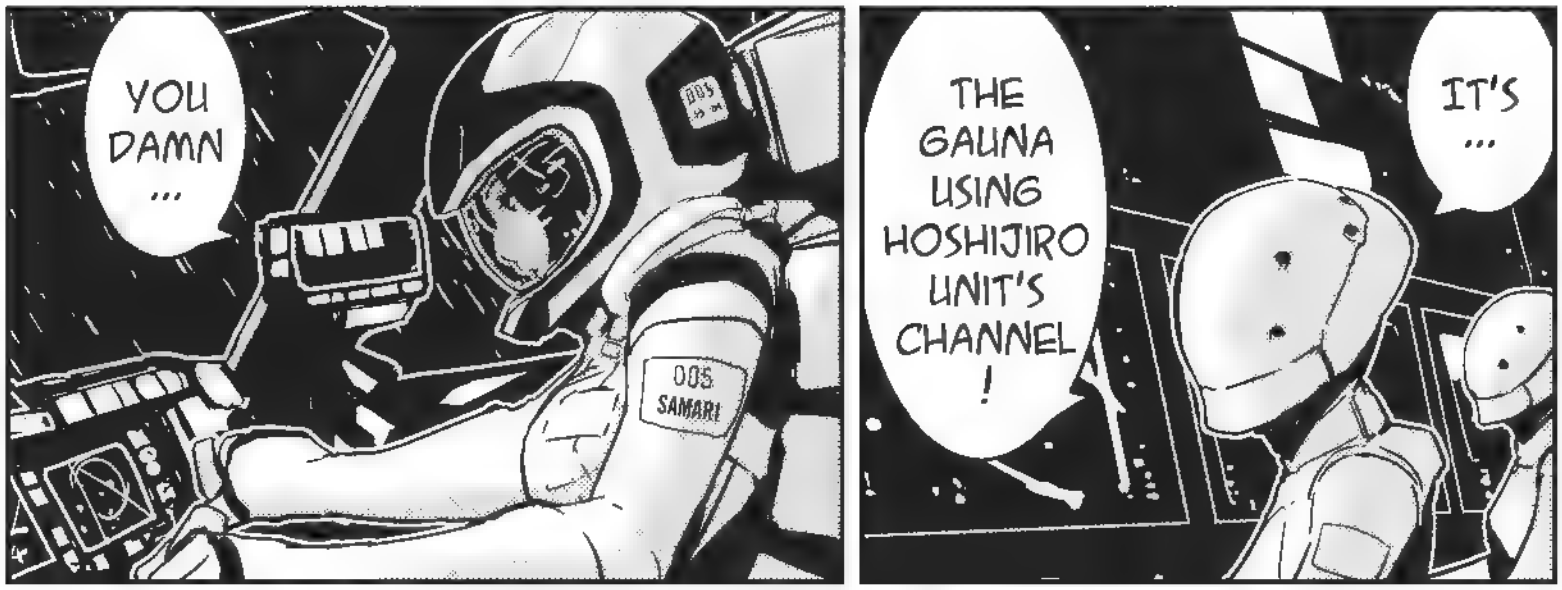

YOU DAMN ...
005 SAMARI
THE GAUNA USING HOSHIJIRO UNIT'S CHANNEL !
IT'S ...

OUCH OUCH ...

DO NOT LET UP THE ATTACK !!
WHATEVER IT DISGUISES ITSELF AS, THE TARGET IS STILL A GAUNA!

WHAM

WOOSH

005

GWOM

BVOOOM

005
SAMARI UNIT

SAMARI SQUAD HAS DESTROYED G489'S CORE!!

TARGET	STATUS
G489	ELIMINATED
G490	ENGAGED
G491	ENGAGED

G489 ELIMINATION COMPLETE!

CONFIRMING FOAM-STATE DISINTEGRATION OF ENTIRE PLACENTA!

TANI-KAZE! DON'T JUT OUT!

KUNATO SQD

G 491

704

706

701

705

HOSHI-JIRO!

HOSHI-JIRO!

704

CUT IT OUT, TANI-KAZE!

CAN YOU HEAR ME, HOSHI-JIRO?

704

LET'S DO THIS, HOU!

THESE THINGS COULDN'T POSSIBLY COMPREHEND SPEECH!!

705

HOU

706

REN

RELEASING HIGGS PARTICLES !!

PTANK

BTAN

DVAM

706

REN

706

REN

REN !!

704

I'M OKAY !

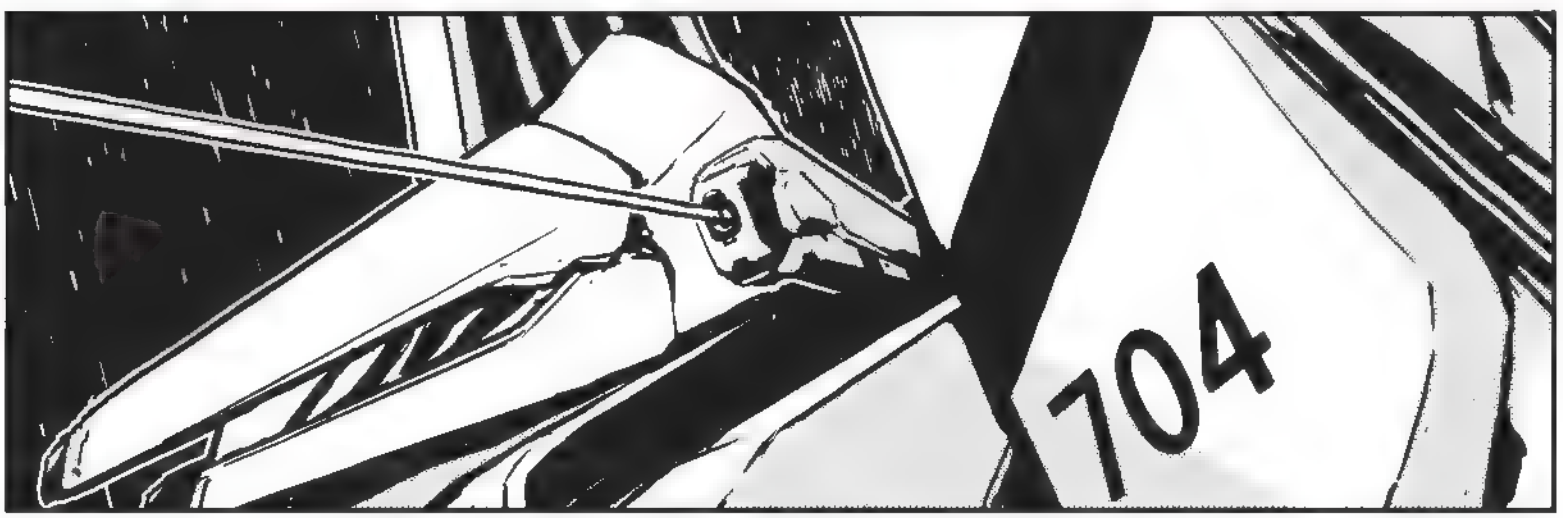
TANIKA

UNIT 706, RIGHT ARM LOST!

6-6491 USED A HIGGS PARTICLE CANNON !!

HIGGS PARTICLES!!

704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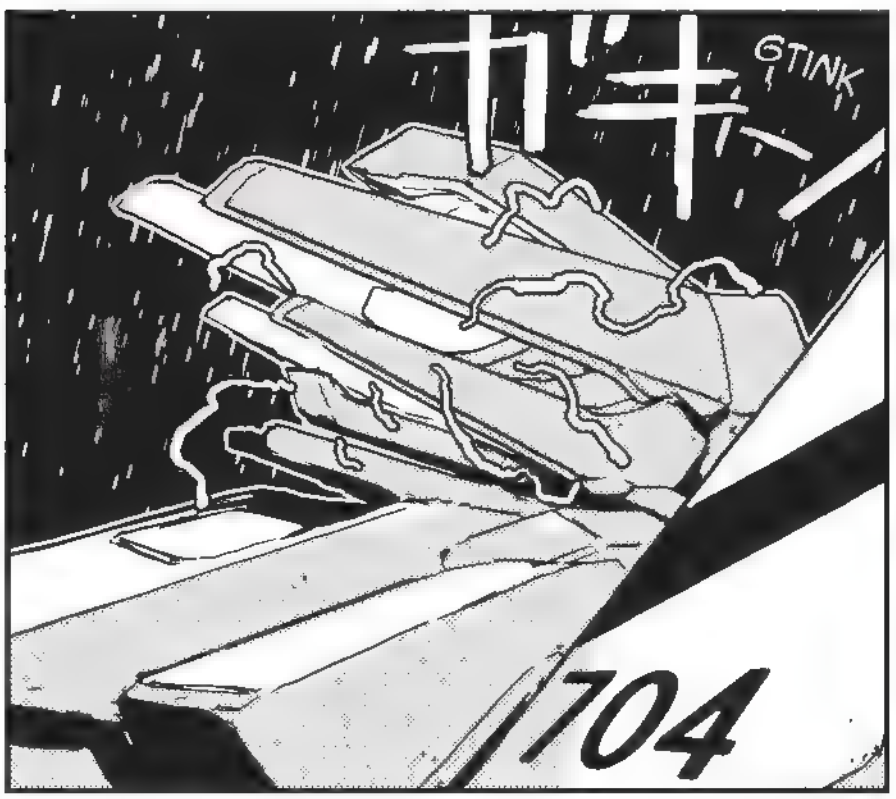
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GTINK
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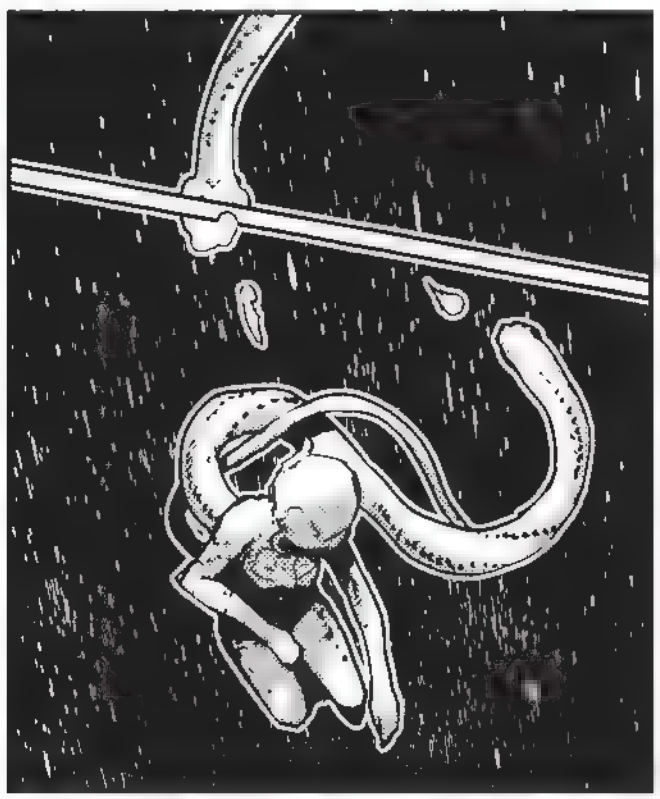
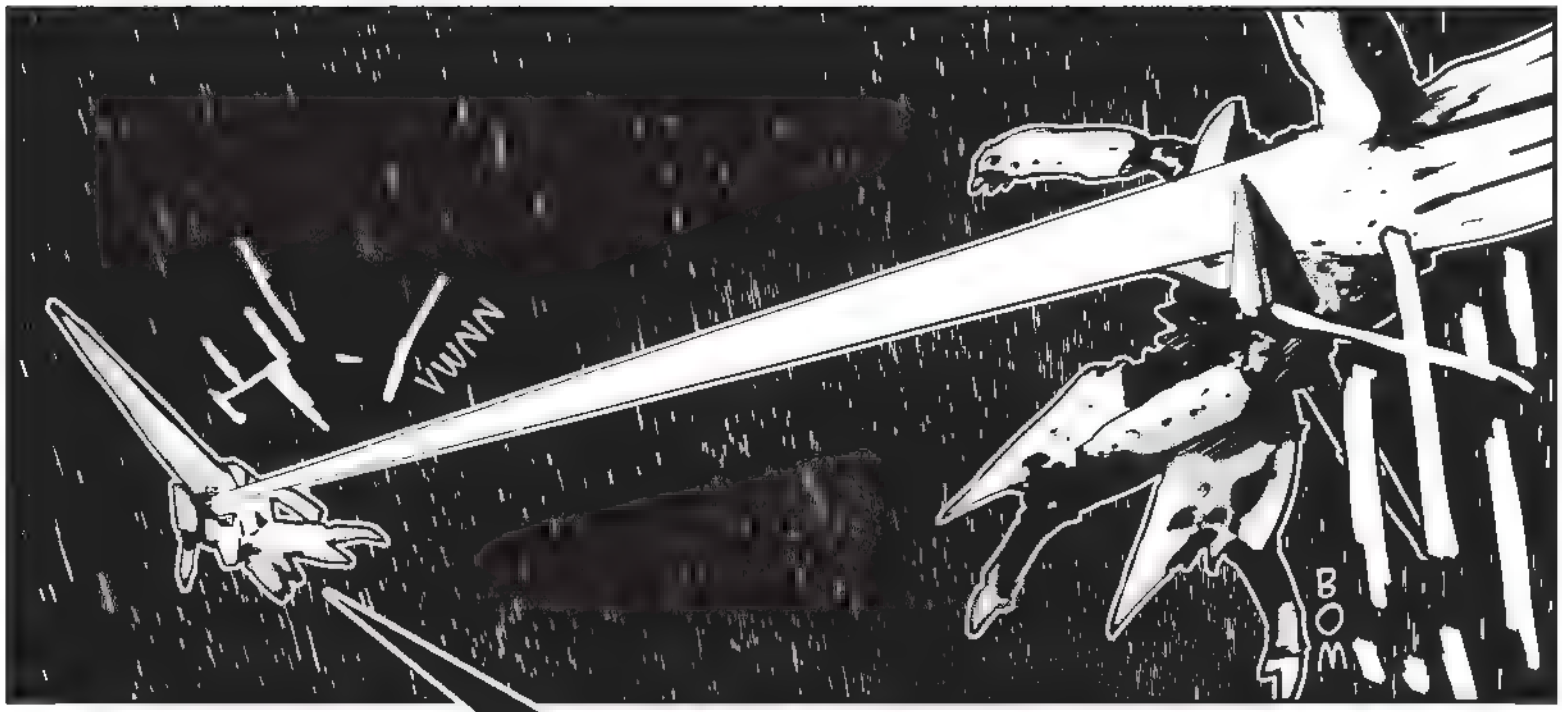
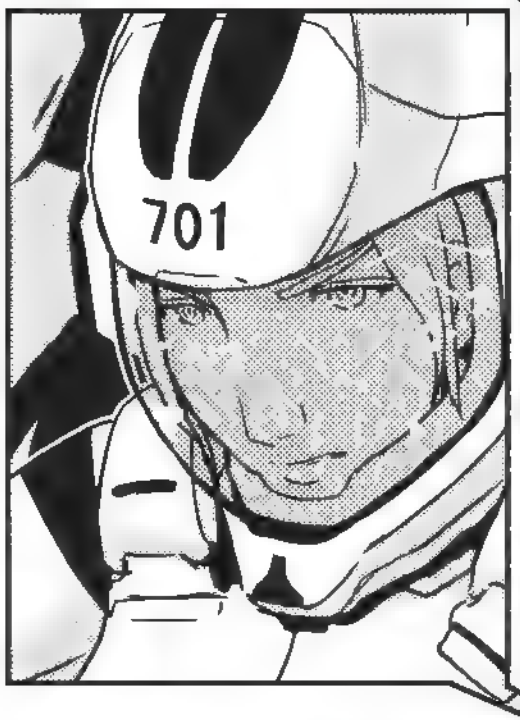



VWNN
BOM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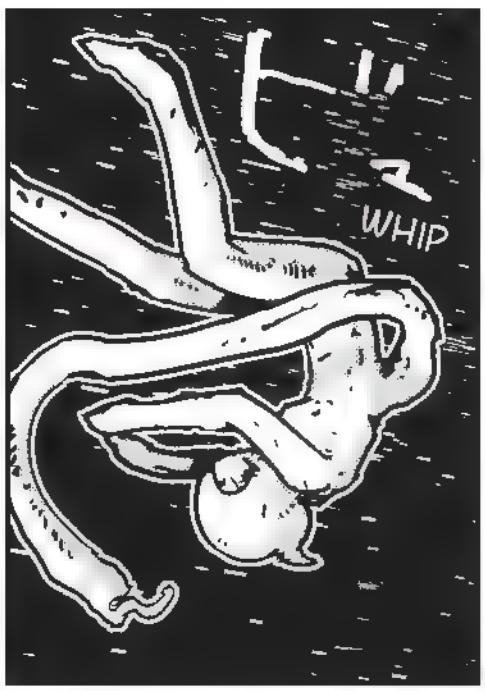
KUNATO
!!


WHIP

WHAM
701
KWIM

701 KUNATO. I HAVE DESTROYED G491.

704 I'LL GO RETRIEVE THAT PLACENTA SPECIMEN!

PLACENTA ORIGIN G491

701 G491 KUNATO SQD ELIMN 704 PWIK 706 705

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, TANIKAZE?!

THEY DO WANT THE SPECIMEN RETRIEVED BY ALL MEANS.

MESSAGE FROM ETL* RESEARCH LAB!

I HAVE TO HURRY OR WE'LL LOSE IT.

PLEASE, LET ME GO!

GET BACK IN LINE!

WE'RE NOT DONE YET.

* Extra-Terrestrial Life

TANIKAZE, CONTINUE RETRIEVAL OF SPECIMEN!

ROGER!

ROGER!

KUNATO SQUAD, EXCLUDING TANIKAZE, AND SAMARI SQUAD, GO ASSIST IMADA SQUAD!

ROG-ER!!

RETRIEVAL PERMITTED.

IMADA SQD

312

G 490

011

139

217

THAT WAY!!

TARGET	STATUS
G489	ELIMINATED
G490	ENGAGED
G491	ELIMINATED

DAMN...

IT'S READING EACH OF OUR MOVES.

139 IMADA

FOOM

GWOM

GAH!

REST-LESS, AREN'T YA?

I CAN'T EMBARRASS MYSELF LIKE THAT.

HELL NO...

IMADA! DON'T PRESS IT. WAIT FOR SUPPORT AND DISPATCH IT SAFELY.

THAT GAUNA'S MANEUVERS SET IT OFF FROM THE OTHER TWO...

GOOD GIRL. RIGHT THERE, RIGHT—

BIP BIP BIP BIP

AH, NICE ...

702

BAGAM

ROD-LIKE PLACENTA HAS PIERCED THE UNIT!!

DAMAGE TO COCKPIT AND TORSO STRUCTURE, DORSAL SUB-ENGINE !!

VWOOT

VWOOT

VWOOT

PLACENTAL BREACH!

PLACENTAL BREACH!

PLACENTAL BREACH!

PLACENTAL BREACH!

PLACENTAL BREACH!

PLACENTAL BREACH!

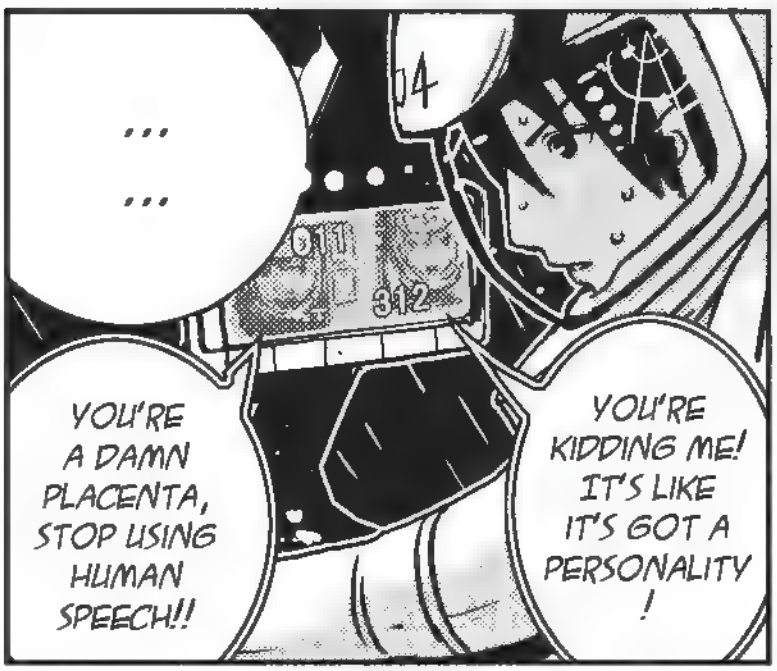
UNIT 139, PLA-CENTAL BREACH WARN-ING!!

720°

KABOOM

HOSHIJIRO, ONE DOWN.

G 490
139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YOU'RE A DAMN PLACENTA, STOP USING HUMAN SPEECH!!
YOU'RE KIDDING ME! IT'S LIKE IT'S GOT A PERSONALITY!

DO ALL THREE GARDE-FORM GAUNAS HAVE HOSHIJIRO MIMICS AS PILOTS?
IT... SPOKE AGAIN...

VVVR
HEH HEH ...
GWMM

IMADA SQD
G 490
312
217
011
217, CAREFUL!! IT'S GOT YOUR BACK!!
HEH HEH HEH
217
DAMN YOU ...!!
ペタン PLOP
704
PLACENTA
704
ANOTHER ONE DOWN.
704
704 TANIKAZE, SPECIMEN RETRIEVAL COMPLETE! RETURNING TO THE FRONT!
MASSIVE DAMAGE TO UNIT 217!!
704 TANIKAZ

011
G 490
312
IMADA SQD
×
G 490
ENGAGED
TRANSIT
KUNATO SQD

THE DAMN THING ...

SAMARI SQUAD, 2000 KILO UNITS TO RENDEZ-VOUS!

KUNATO SQUAD, JOINING UP WITH IMADA SQUAD SHORTLY!

GAA AAAH !!

CHSSST

G 490
IMADA SQD
×
G 490
TRANSIT
KUNATO SQD

IMADA SQUAD ALL DOWN !!

CHSSST

BOOM

701

NKK ...

ANTI-GAUNA TACTICS SERVE NO USE AGAINST THIS ONE,

TACKLE IT LIKE IT'S A GARDE !

G 490

701

706

705

WHERE'S IMADA SQUAD 2!

KUNATO SQUAD ENGAGING WITH G490!!

KUNATO SQD × G 490

ENGAGED

TRANSIT

SAMARI SQUAD

WAIT UNTIL SAMARI SQUAD —

KUNA-TO!

ROGER !

701

YOU GUYS ...

DON'T DIE ON ME,

701

CHECK THAT OUT ...

KWIM

!

!

!

FWOOM

GWAAM

UNIT 701, LEFT ARM DAMAGED !

701

IT'S AFTER THE KABIZASHI !

GWOM

VWSH

VWSH

705

ROGER !

HOU

706

HOU !

DEM

VWNN

RELEASING HIGGS PARTICLES!!

VWNN

BWAM

WH-
WHERE
IS IT?!

GWAP

HOU

705

705

WE
MISSED
!!

THWAKK

705

705

HOU
!!

706

706

GOD DAMN YOOUU!!

BWOM

H'

BOOM

KWING

706

EEP... EN

706

GACHIING

704

706

REN

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WOOO

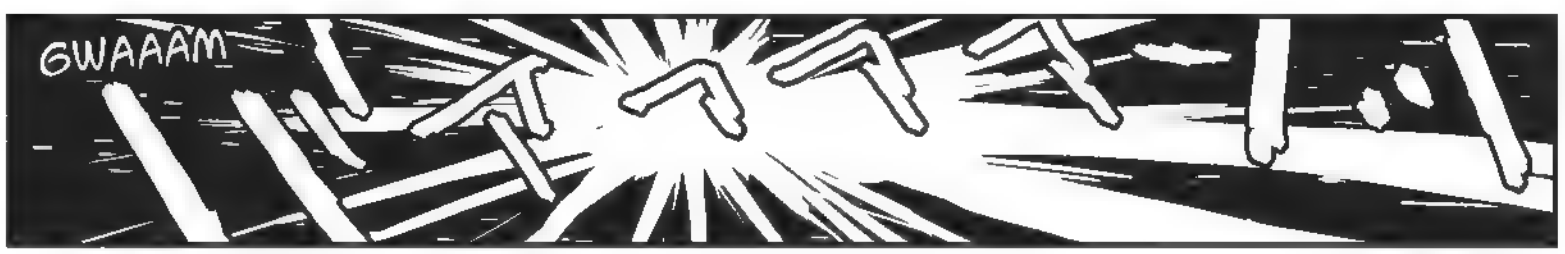
!

TANI-
KAZE
...

REN

SKRREEE
704

STOP IT, HOSHI-JIRO !!!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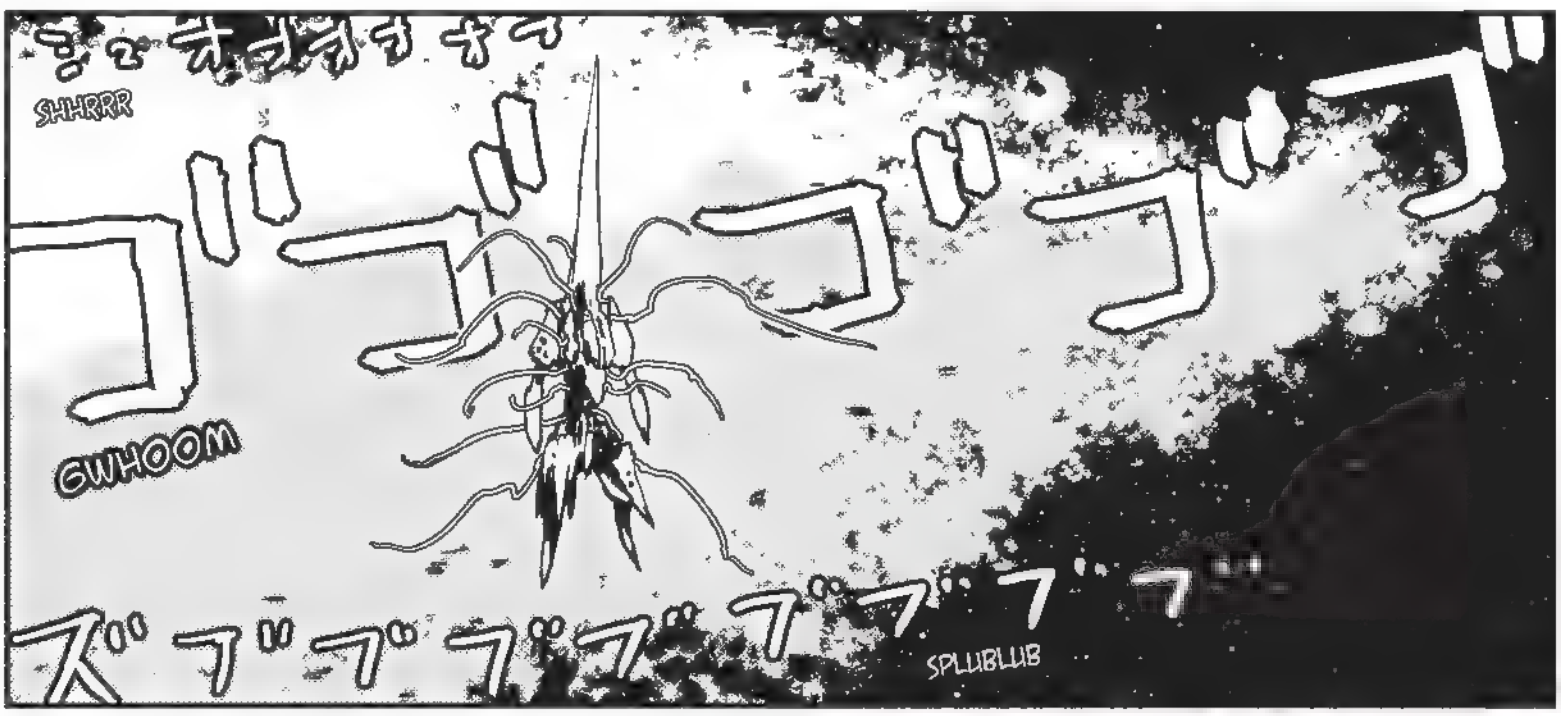
SHIP
THWIP
KRSHHHH

704


SHRRR
GWHOOM
SPLUBLUB

ODD... ITS MASS IS INCREASING !!

ズ…ズ…ズ…ズ…

WHZZZ

GWOOM

AN ANOMALY IN THE RESIDUAL GAS CLOUD? WHAT GIVES ?!

CREAK

MASS INCREASING FURTHER!!

READINGS, PLACENTA!!

!!!

TH-THAT ISN'T A GAS CLOUD !!

OUR OBSER-VATIONS WERE OFF!

RISE IN MASS...NOT STOPPING ?!

GWOO

HAHH

704

HAHH

EVERY-ONE GET AWAY FROM THERE NOW !!

RUN !!

GTANK

SSHHH
SSHHH

ズズ
ZZZT

ゴゴゴゴゴゴゴゴ

HGWOOOM

ゴゴゴゴゴゴゴゴ

GWWRR

A CLUSTER SHIP HAS EMERGED !!

ZAP

ZAP

GROAR

IT'S A CLUSTER SHIP!!

ZAP

ALL SQUADS, TAKE EVASIVE ACTION !!

IT APPEARS TO BE DISTINCT FROM THE CLUSTER SHIP THREE LIGHT-YEARS AHEAD.

ZMM

DISTANCE FROM SIDONIA 80 MILLION KILO UNITS!! TOTAL MASS 56 MILLION TONS, ESTIMATED CORES WITHIN, 5000!

PREPARE TO FIRE MAIN CANNONS !!

ZMM

ZAP

GRMM

GRMM

ZBLUB

005

005

SAMARI SQUAD, JOINED KUNATO SQUAD!

IT USED PLACENTA TO DISGUISE AS A GAS CLOUD...

GRMM

TANI-KAZE !!

704

ZZT

VWSH

GRRMM

GRRMM

1

CLASP ARRAY !!

BOOM

BA

BA

BA

BAM

CLUSTER SHIP RETREATS
WHILE THE HEAVY MASS CANNONS MAY HAVE DEALT ONLY SLIGHT DAMAGE TO THE MID-SIZED ALIEN MOTHERSHIP...

RELATED ARTICLES:
GAUNAS MIMIC NOT ONLY GARDES BUT A GIANT GAS CLOUD
A CLUSTER SHIP APPEARS IN SIDONIA'S VICINITY
MIMICRY OF RESIDUAL GAS MASSES FROM DESTRUCTION OF FREE-FLOATING GAS PLANET
TWO GAUNAS DEFEATED AND FIVE ELITES LOST
NAGATE TANIKAZE MAKES THIRD SORTIE IN THE TSUGUMORI
ALTHOUGH HE SET OFF A MAJOR INCIDENT LAST BATTLE...
GARDE-FORM GAUNA G490 TAKES OUT 5 GARDES
G490 RETREATED TO CLUSTER SHIP UNHARMED...

CLUSTER SHIP RETREATS ?

WHAT A SKETCHY HEADLINE ...

ゴクン
GULP

WHAT'S THIS SPECIMEN?

"WHEN WILL FINDINGS ON THE PLACENTA SPECIMEN RETRIEVED BY 704 TANIKAZE UNIT BE MADE PUBLIC?"

A SHIZUKA HOSHIJIRO THE GAUNAS REPLICATED WITH PLACENTA.

ONE OUT OF THE THREE... IS STILL ALIVE.

YES, THE ICE AROUND HERE IS AS THICK AS THE LAYER COVERING SIDONIA'S FORWARD HULL.
TREATED AS OFF-BOARD ?

SO THIS FACILITY LACKS DIRECT ACCESS TO SIDONIA.

ZERO GRAVITY

IT WAS BUILT SO THAT IF NEED BE, IT CAN BE CUT LOOSE.

WE'RE ALMOST THERE. THE NEXT DOOR'S THE LAST ONE.

IT MOVED!

IT'S THE LARGEST PLACENTA PRESERVED HERE.

A PLACENTA FROM 400 YEARS AGO STILL MOVES?!

WE HAVE OTHERS THAT ARE EVEN OLDER.

CLANK

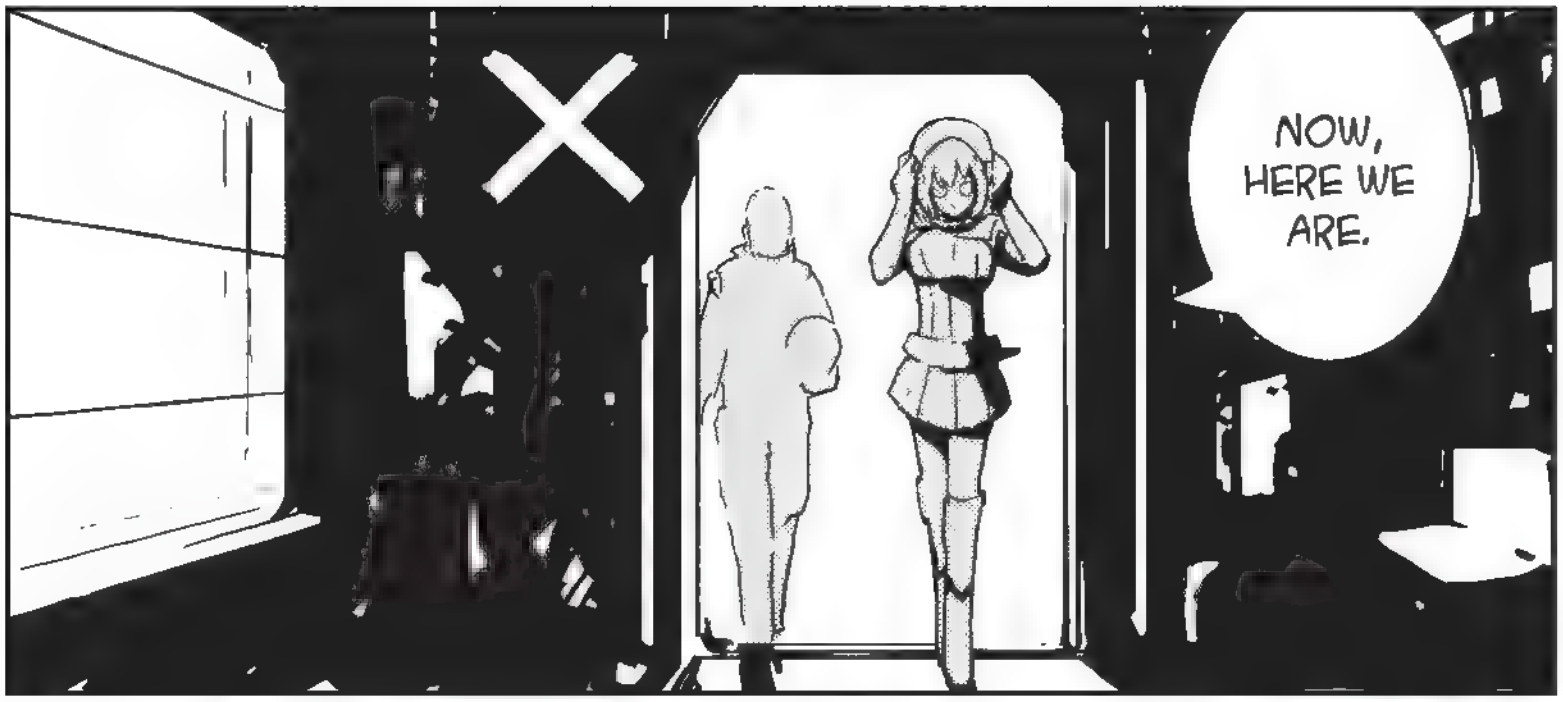
I'M SURE YOU KNOW, BUT PLACENTAS DETACHED FROM A GAUNA CORE PRIOR TO ITS DESTRUCTION SURVIVE ON THEIR OWN.

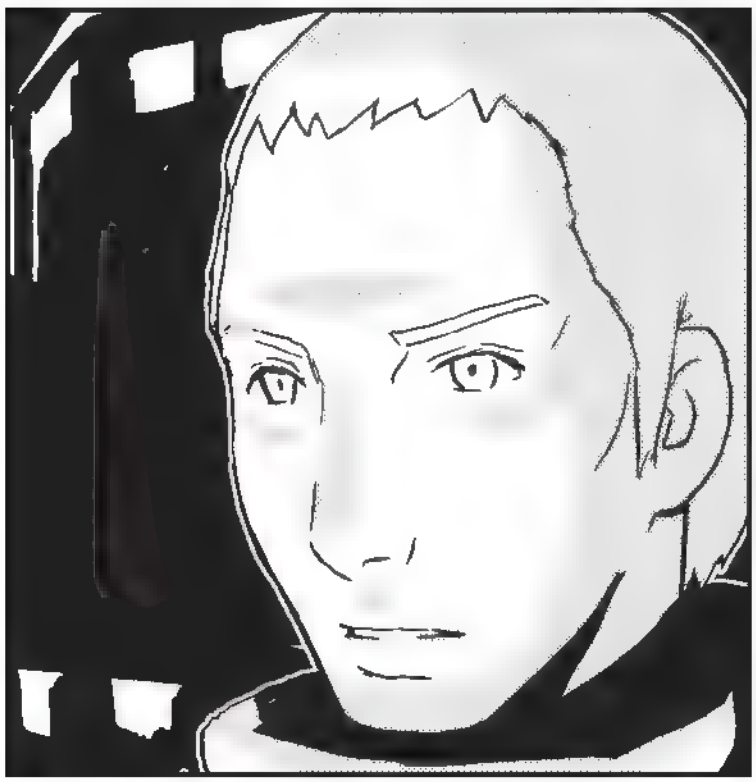
ZZZT

WE STILL DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT THEIR LIFESPANS, THOUGH.

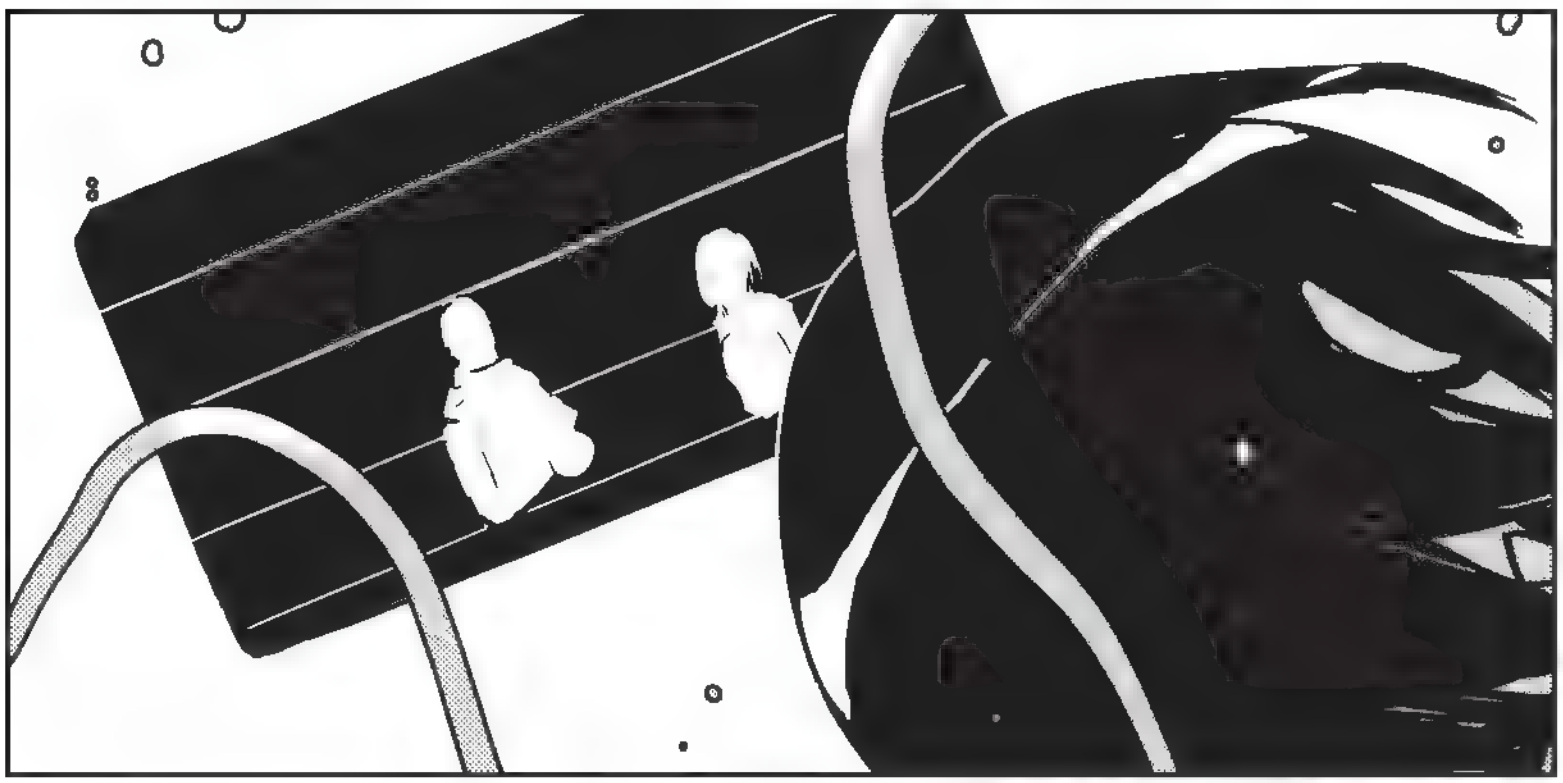
SOME DIE UPON SEPARATION AND SO ON...

THE LEFT HAND OF 6273.


NOW, HERE WE ARE.



IT JUST STARTED CALMING DOWN IN THESE LAST SEVERAL HOURS.



YOU HURT IT?!

BLOOD ...

IT FUTILELY TRIED TO TAKE IT OFF ITSELF.

LIKE AN EXTENSION OF ITS SKIN.

PART OF THE PRESSURE SUIT-LIKE PLACENTA IS FUSED TO THE BODY PROPER

THAT'S TRUE, WASN'T IT...

...OH, UM, YEAH.

AND I WANT TO MAKE THIS CLEAR, BUT THAT'S NOT A REAL PERSON.

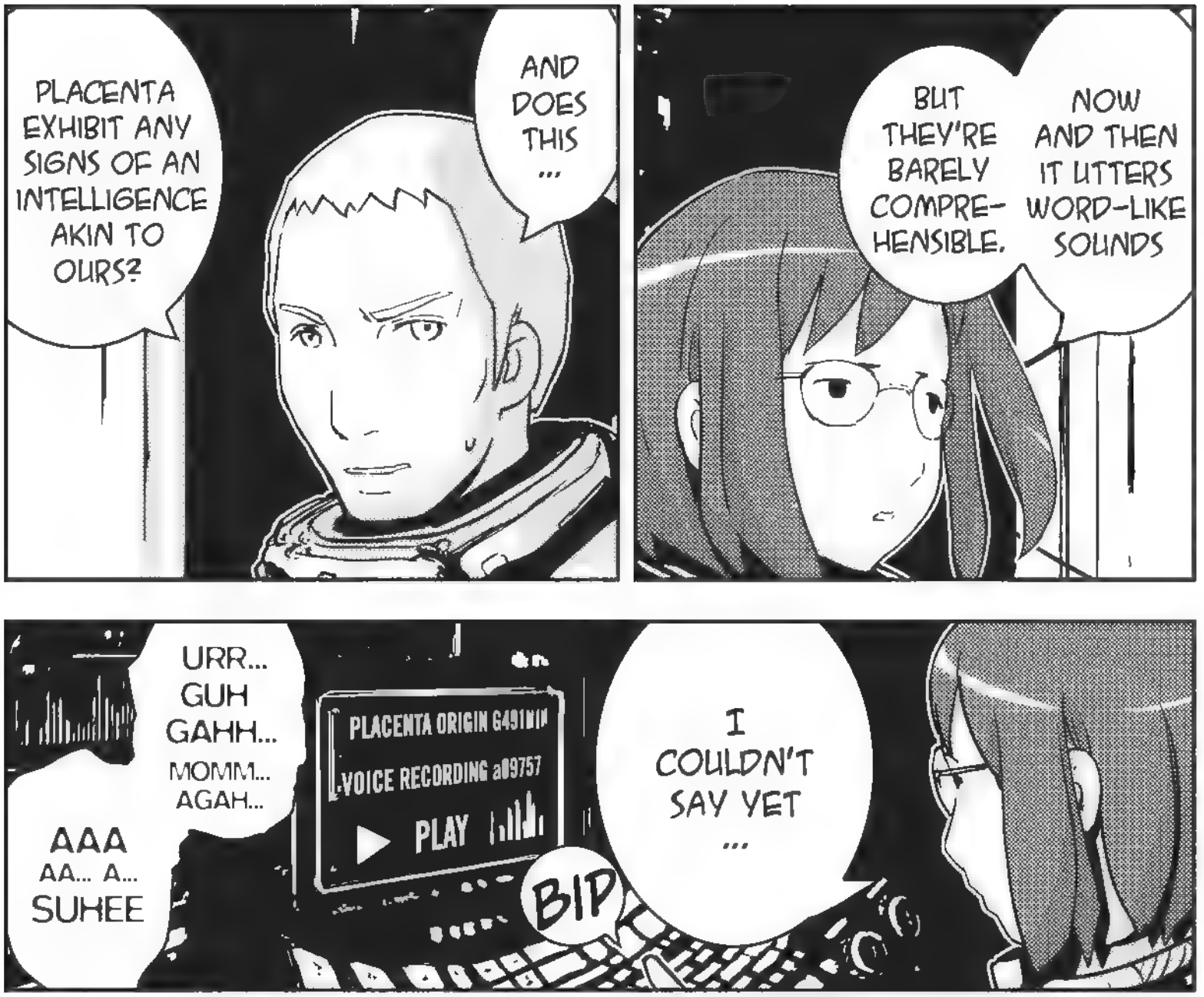
AND IT'S NOT JUST THE OUTSIDE. IT LOOKS EXACTLY HUMAN INSIDE, TOO.

SO I'VE BEEN TREATING IT VERY HUMANELY.

IT'S HARD TO THINK OF IT AS MERE PLACENTA ...

BUT I UNDER-STAND. I FEEL THE SAME WAY.

YET, SO FAR, IT HASN'T BEEN RESPONDING TO MY ATTEMPTS AT COMMUNICATION IN A HUMAN MANNER.



Chapter 11: END

Honoka Series

Clones rapidly matured in artificial amniotic fluid.
Age: five.

Chapter 12: Numi Tahiro's Weekly Meal

One Hundred Sights of Sidonia Part Nine:
Shimada Public Bath House

WHAT A FIX WE'RE IN...

LESSER CLUSTER SHIP

SIDONIA

WHAT DO WE EVER DO WITH SO MANY?

THEY CALL IT "LESSER" BUT AREN'T THERE 5000 GALINAS IN THERE?

WE'VE ONLY GOT 27 KABI-ZASHIS.

WELL, MAYBE DESTROY THE MAIN CORE?

GREATER CLUSTER SHIP

ME, I'M MORE TERRIFIED OF THAT LESSER CLUSTER SHIP AT THE TIP OF OUR NOSE.

A CLUSTER SHIP THAT BIG ONLY THREE LIGHT-YEARS AWAY...

3 LIGHT-YEARS

I OVERSLEPT!

WHMP

WHMP

OH, MORNING, SIS.

LESSER CLUSTER SHIP

SIDONIA

BUT YES, MUCH FASTER THAN DESTROYING THE CORES ONE BY ONE.

DESTROYING THE MAIN CORE DOESN'T MEAN THE WHOLE SHIP GOES DOWN IN ONE FELL SWOOP.

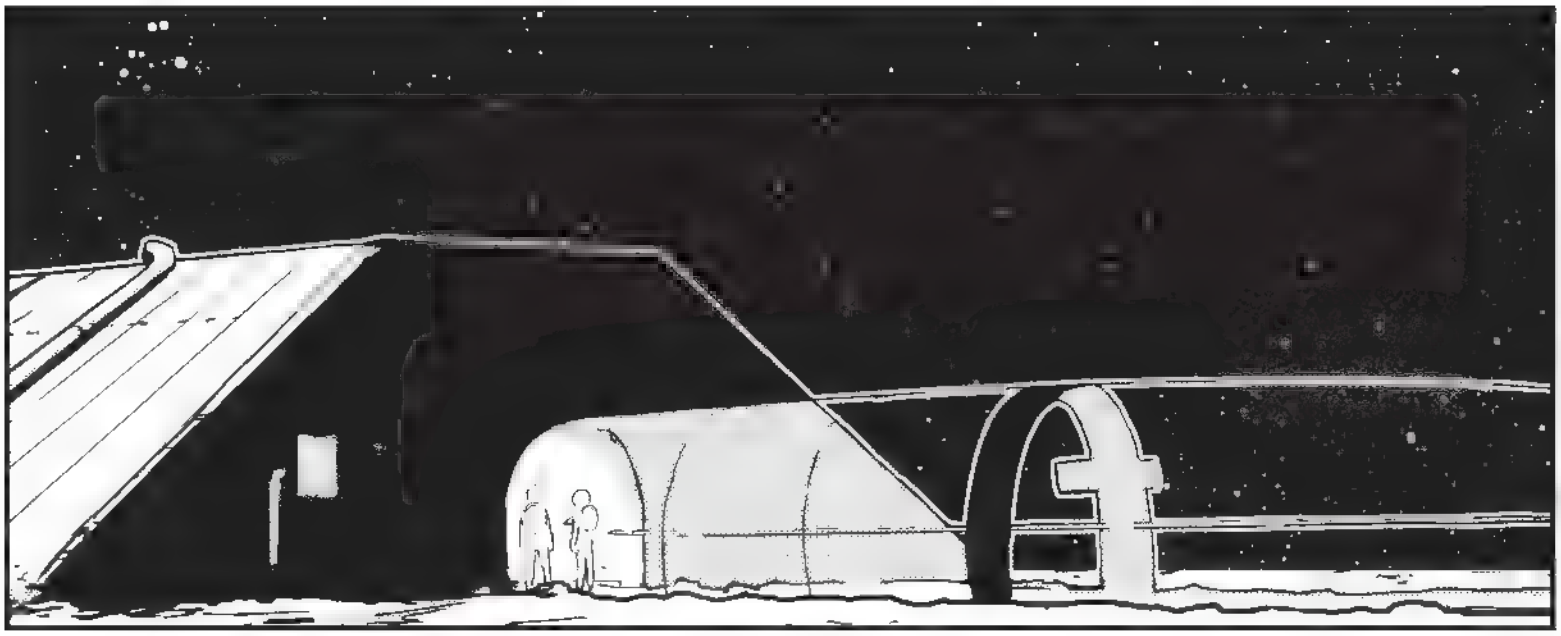
SO I'LL HAVE MY WEEKLY BITE IN THE CAFETERIA DISTRICT.

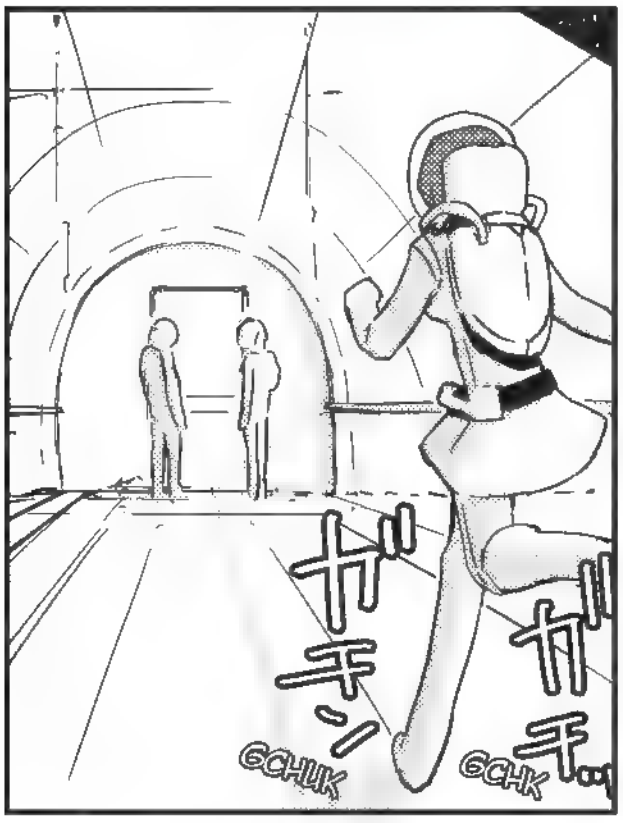
PLUS WE GOT A NEW SPECIMEN. I'M CRAZY BUSY.

YOU'RE WORKING TODAY? IT'S SATURDAY.

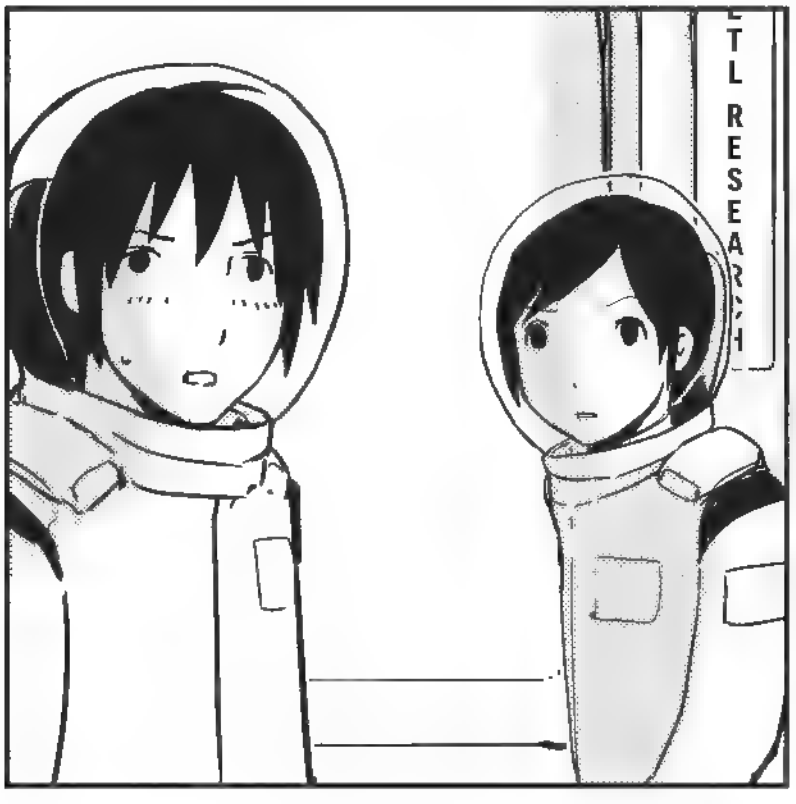
I HAVE AN APPOINT-MENT.

SEE YOU LATER!



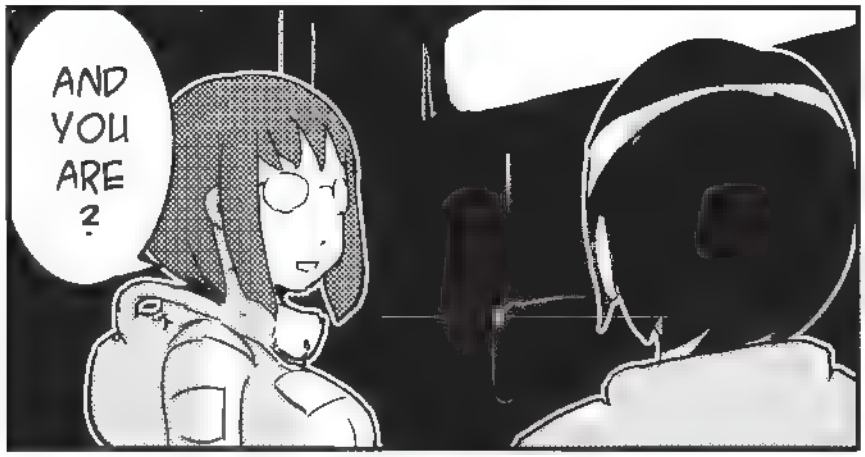

GCHUK
GCHK

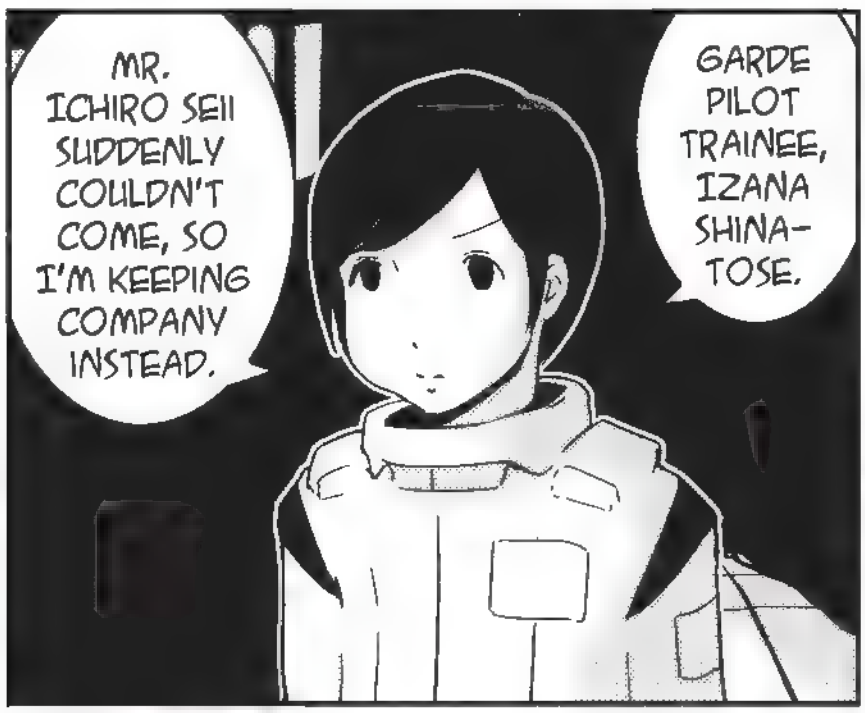
IT'S WAY PAST OUR MEETING TIME...
DIDING DOONG
HOW COULD NOBODY BE HERE?



SO SORRY !
BOING

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME A GAUNA CREATED THAT PERFECT A COPY OF A HUMAN.
GREAT JOB HAULING HER— I MEAN IT, IN.
SO YOU'RE NAGATE TANI-KAZE.


AND YOU ARE ?


MR. ICHIRO SEII SUDDENLY COULDN'T COME, SO I'M KEEPING COMPANY INSTEAD.
GARDE PILOT TRAINEE, IZANA SHINA-TOSE.

OH, UM, SURE ...
THANK YOU!

AH, YOU'RE RIGHT.

ASSISTANT COMMANDER. THE COMMANDER IS THE CAPTAIN.

HE DID SHOOT UP THE RANKS THOUGH HE'S STILL YOUNG. HE MUST BE OVERWHELMED. COMBAT COMMANDER, IS HE?

ガチャ KCHAK

THE 6491-ORIGINATED PLACENTA SPECIMEN THAT YOU BROUGHT BACK CALLED YOUR NAME.

HUH? WHAT ARE WE UP TO?

THERE IS A PARTITION WALL, BUT PUT THIS ON JUST IN CASE.

YOU'VE READ THE WARNINGS, YES?

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A TEST. TO SEE IF IT HARBORS A HUMANOID INTELLECT OR NOT.

YES.

LETTING LIGHT THROUGH. READY?

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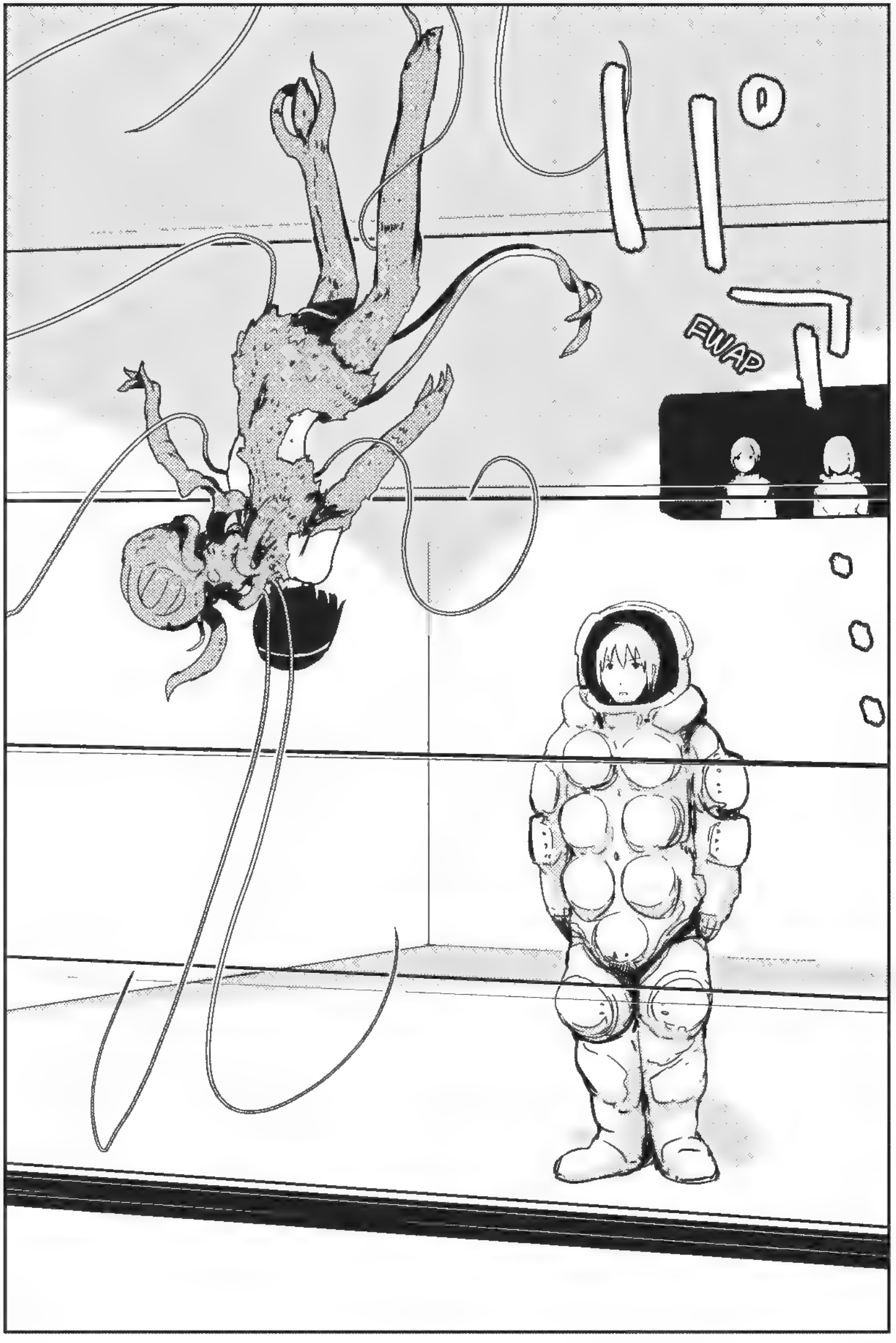

FWAP

GLARE

HO-
HOSHI-
JIRO!

IT
REACTED
!

VWOOM

GRRN

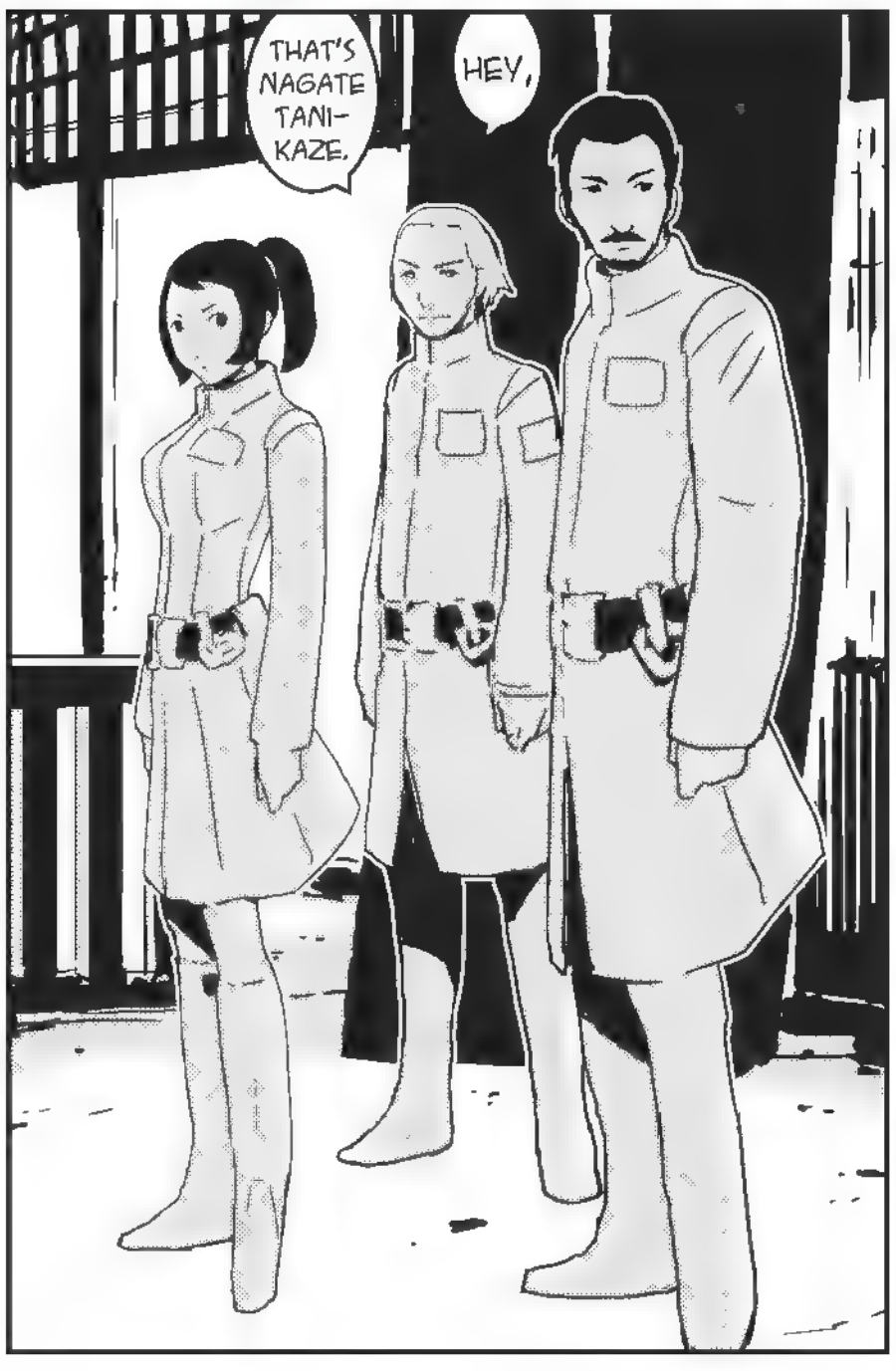
WAH
!

BAM

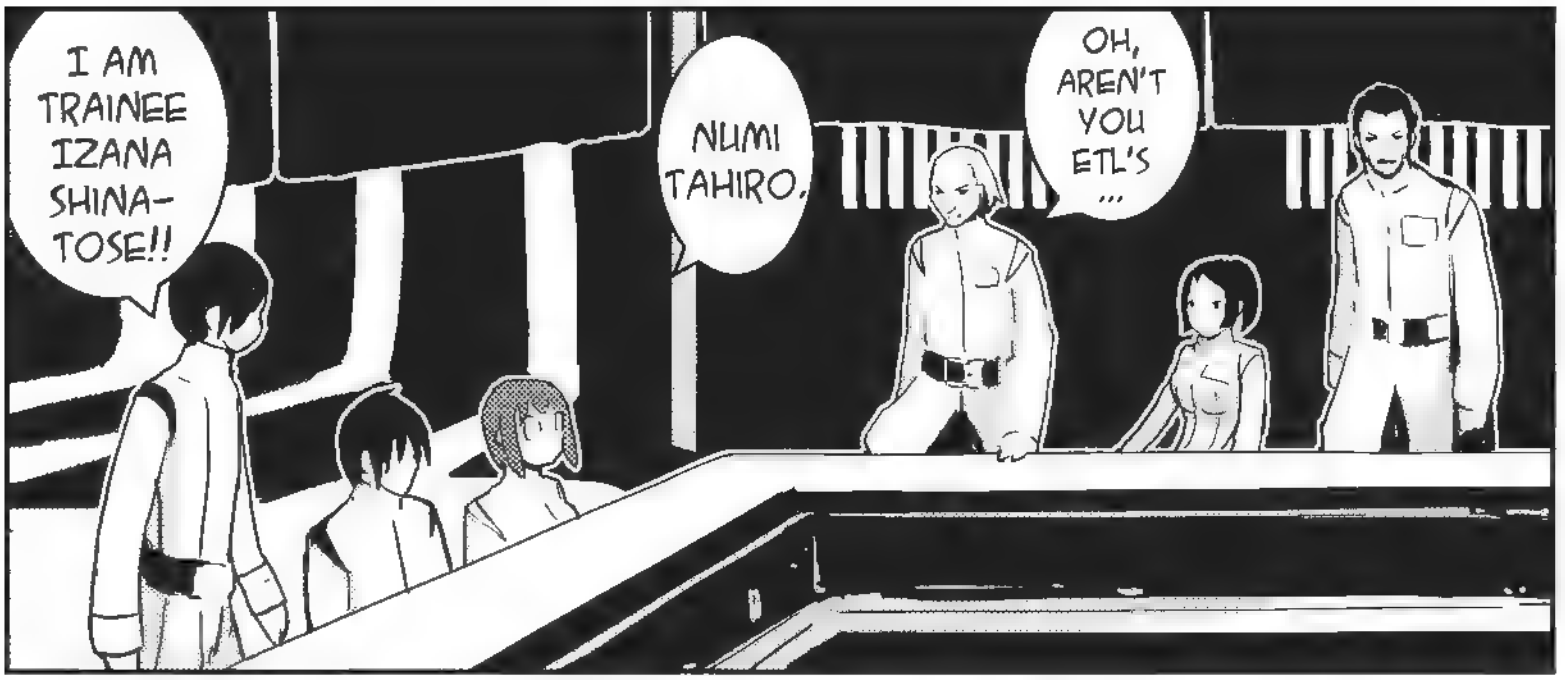
BAM

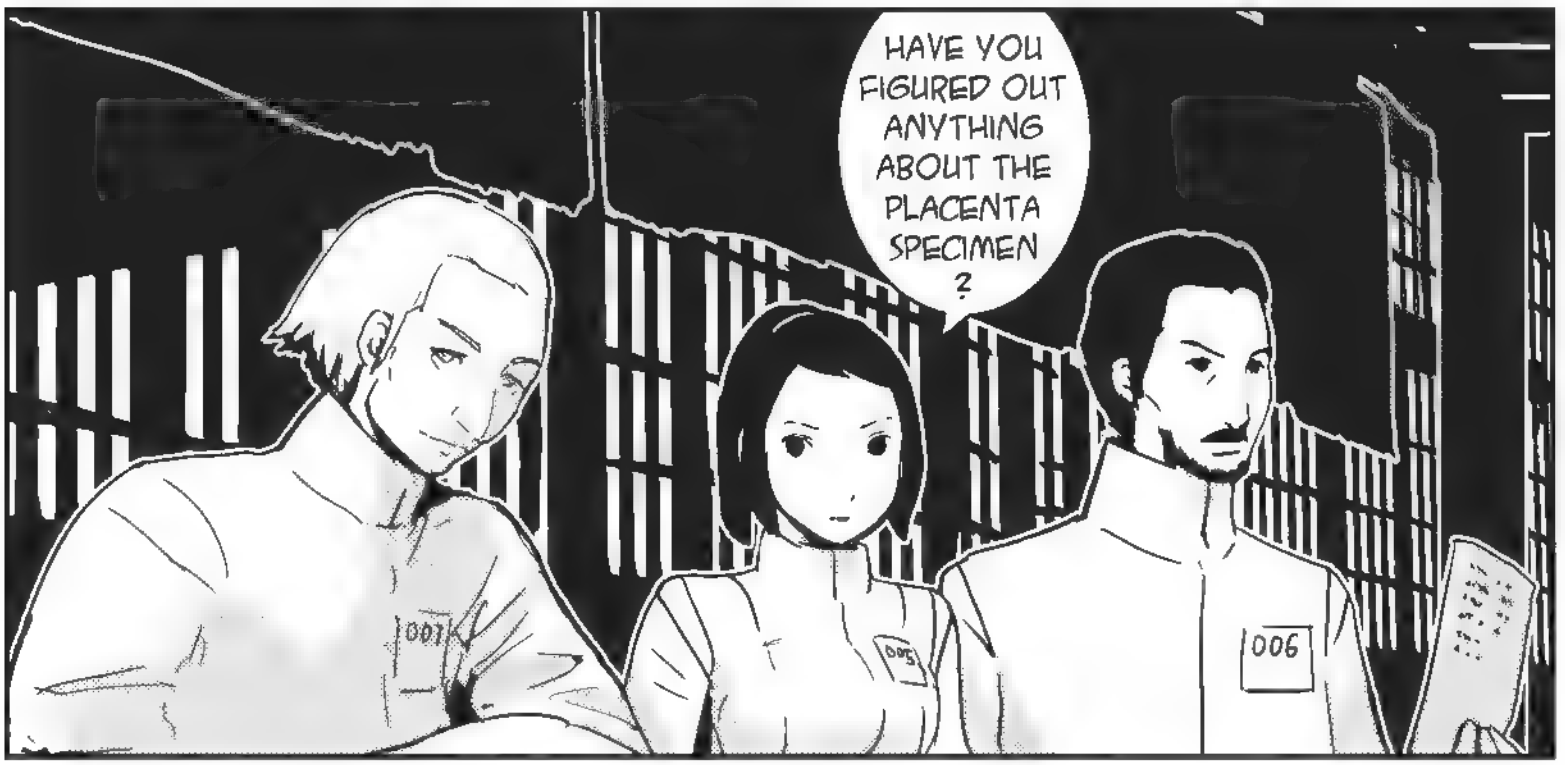
BABAM

THAT'S THE FIRST TIME PLACENTA RESPONDED LIKE THAT TO A HUMAN.


THAT'S NAGATE TANI-KAZE.
HEY,

WE DON'T KNOW YET IF THAT WAS AN ATTACK, YOU KNOW.
ARE YOU STILL FEELING DOWN?


I AM TRAINEE IZANA SHINA-TOSE!!
NUMI TAHIRO.
OH, AREN'T YOU ETL'S ...


HAVE YOU FIGURED OUT ANYTHING ABOUT THE PLACENTA SPECIMEN ?
007
005
006

WE'LL HAVE TO RETHINK OUR TACTICS.
THE GARDE-FORM GAUNA THAT RETREATED MANEUVERED LIKE A HUMAN.

IT EVEN SEEMS TO HAVE SOME-THING LIKE EMOTIONS.
IT'S A VERY FINE REPLICA OF A HUMAN.

TONAMI, YOU RELY TOO MUCH ON HIGGS PARTICLE CANNONS.

SURE, THERE'S NO RECOIL, AND THEY EFFECTIVELY STRIP OFF PLACENTA, BUT DON'T FORGET THAT HIGGS PARTICLES ARE ALSO A GAUNA'S ENERGY SOURCE.

005

WITH MODORIKAWA KIA, NO HUMAN CAN BEST ME IN A FIREFIGHT USING HPC'S.

I'D WELCOME A HUMAN ADVER-SARY.

UM, THE SAMARI SQUAD'S NOT ITS USUAL GROUP OF FOUR TODAY, IS IT?

I'LL NEVER PHOTOSYNTHESIZE WITH YOU GUYS HOWEVER OFTEN YOU SUCCEED.

007

005

HE WANTS TO MAKE THREE SUCCESSFUL ASSISTS IN GAUNA BATTLES TO WIN THE RIGHT TO PHOTOSYNTHESIZE ALONE WITH YOU, SAMARI.

HE'S JUST BEING ANTSY.

OH ...

HE WON'T SAY IT, BUT HE MUST FEEL HURT ABOUT BEING LEFT OUT OF TOMORROW'S KABIZASHI-RETRIEVAL OP.

IF YOU MEAN MY BIG BROTHER, HE'S SHUT HIMSELF UP IN HIS ROOM TO POUT.

YOU'RE LATE, TANIKAZE !!

GRRNN

005

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FWOOO

GRRNN

TLIP TLIP

SIT'S CHANGED. HURRY AND GET IN.

005 SAMARI

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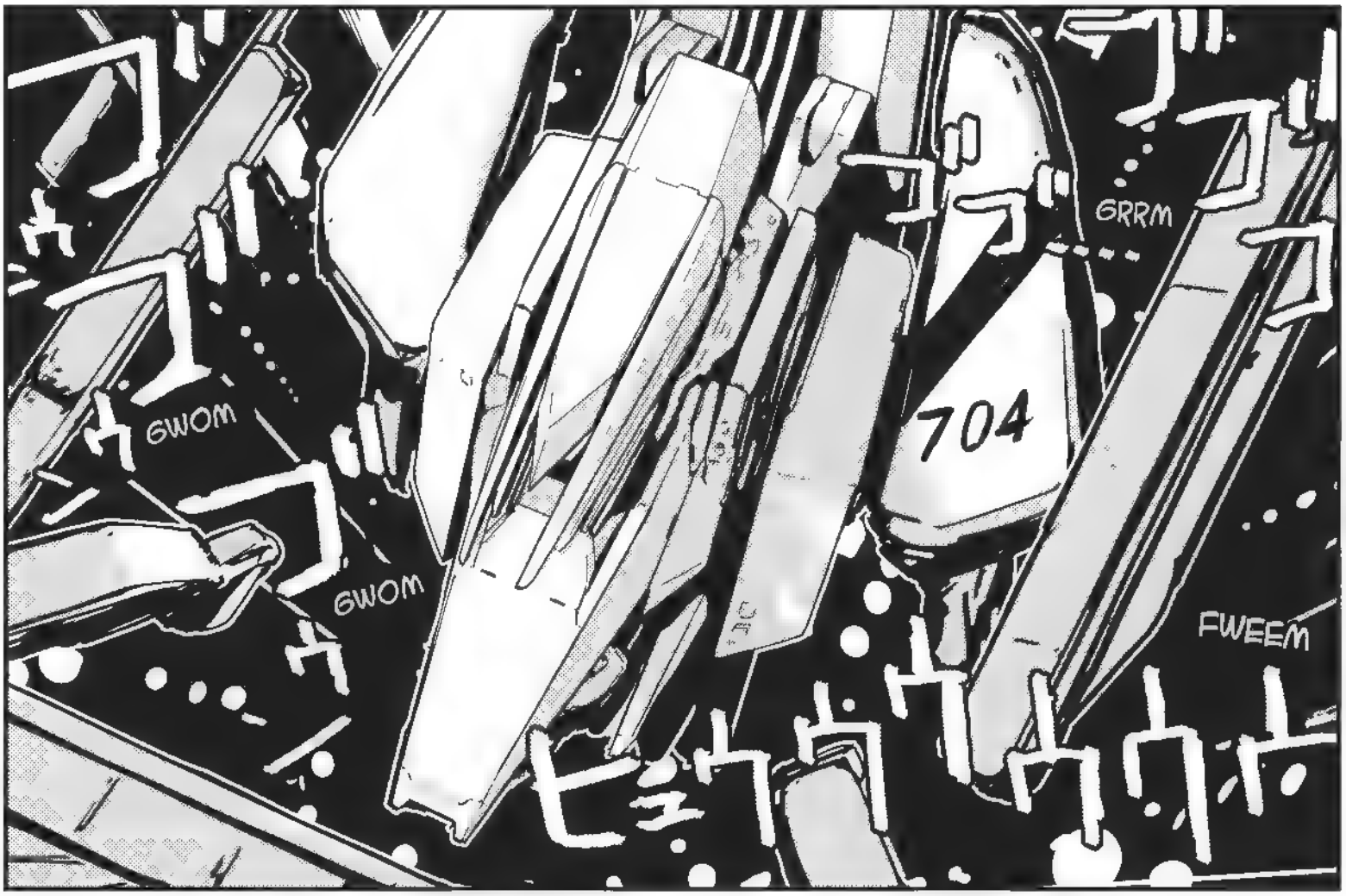
I THOUGHT SORTIE WAS AT SEVEN!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NAGATE TANIKAZE READY FOR SORTIE!
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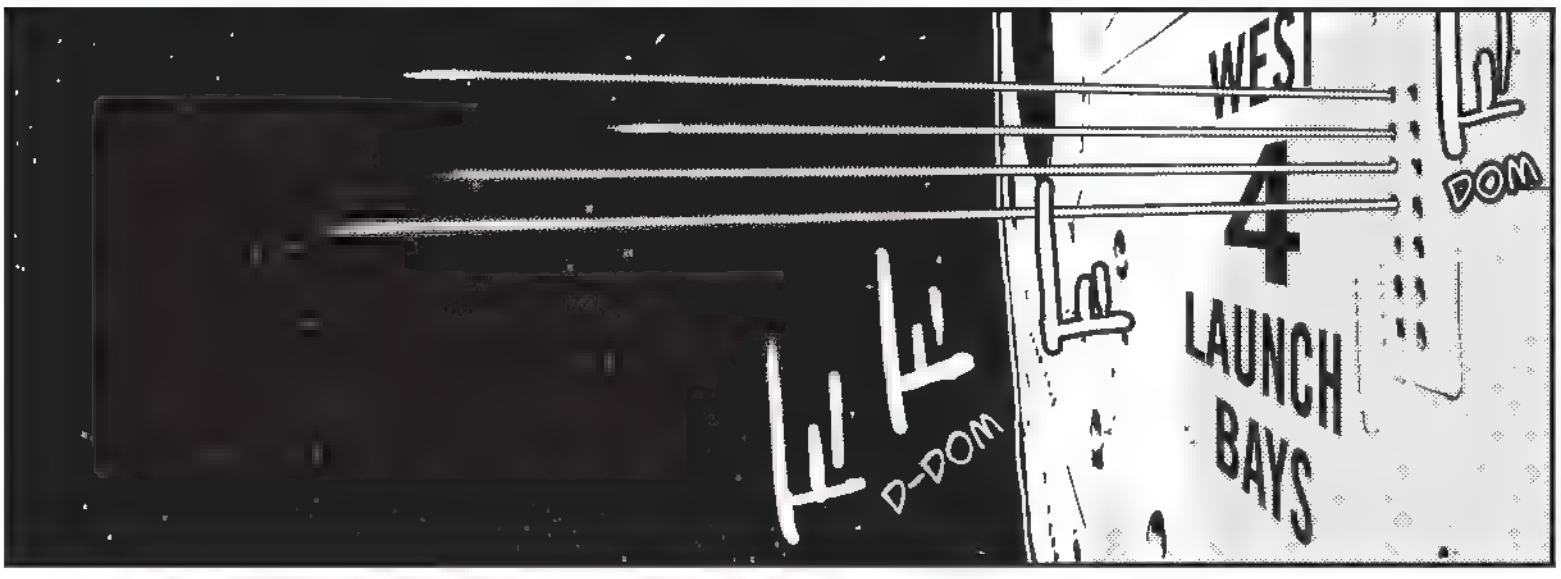
TANIKAZE


WEST
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LAUNCH BAYS
DOM
D-DOM

UNCONFIRMED

WE'VE DISCOVERED A REGION OF SPACE RENDERED INVISIBLE AND HEADING AT HIGH SPEED

TOWARDS THE KABIZASHI WE ARE TO RECOVER, FROM THE DIRECTION OF THE CLUSTER SHIP.

ADRIFT KABIZASHI

HERE'S THE SIT REPORT !

SAMARI SQD

THE ENEMY SEEKS THE KABIZASHI AS WELL. DO NOT LET THEM HAVE IT!!

IN ALL LIKELIHOOD IT IS A GAUNA.

005

ROGER !!

04

KWEEEEEM

06

UNCONFIRMED

ADRIFT
KABIZASHI

SAMARI SQD

FIRE HEAVY MASS CANNON !!

AIM STABLE.

THADOOOM

GWOM

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BIBIBIP
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SIDONIA

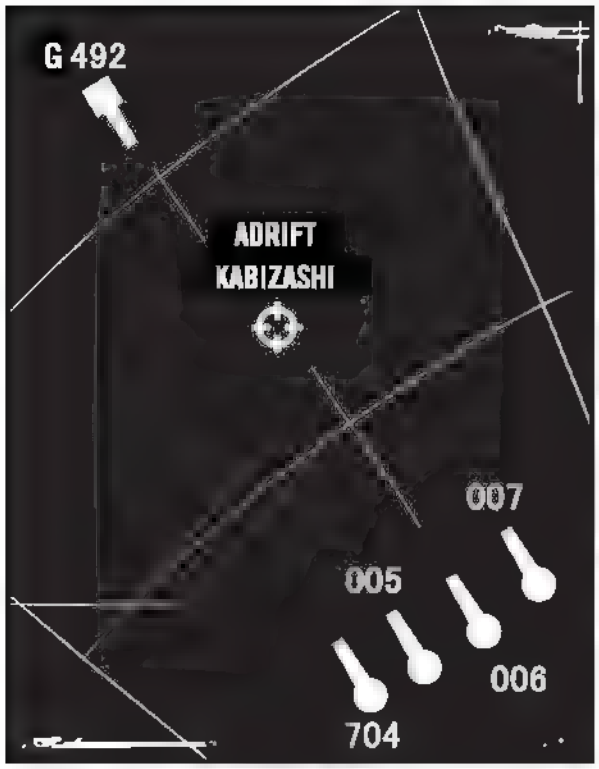
UNCONFIRMED

CHANGE IN MASS, PLACENTAL REACTION DETECTED !!

TARGET HAS TAKEN EVASIVE ACTION !

PLACENTAL CAMOU-FLAGE DROPPED!

IT'S A GAUNA !!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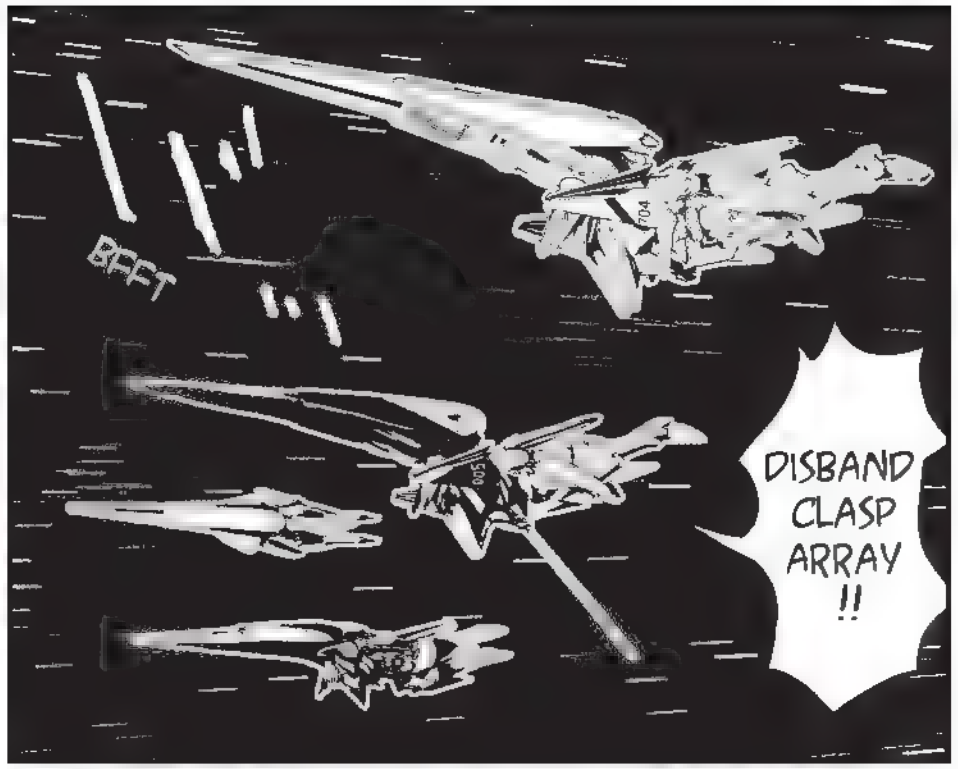
BFFT
DISBAND
CLASP
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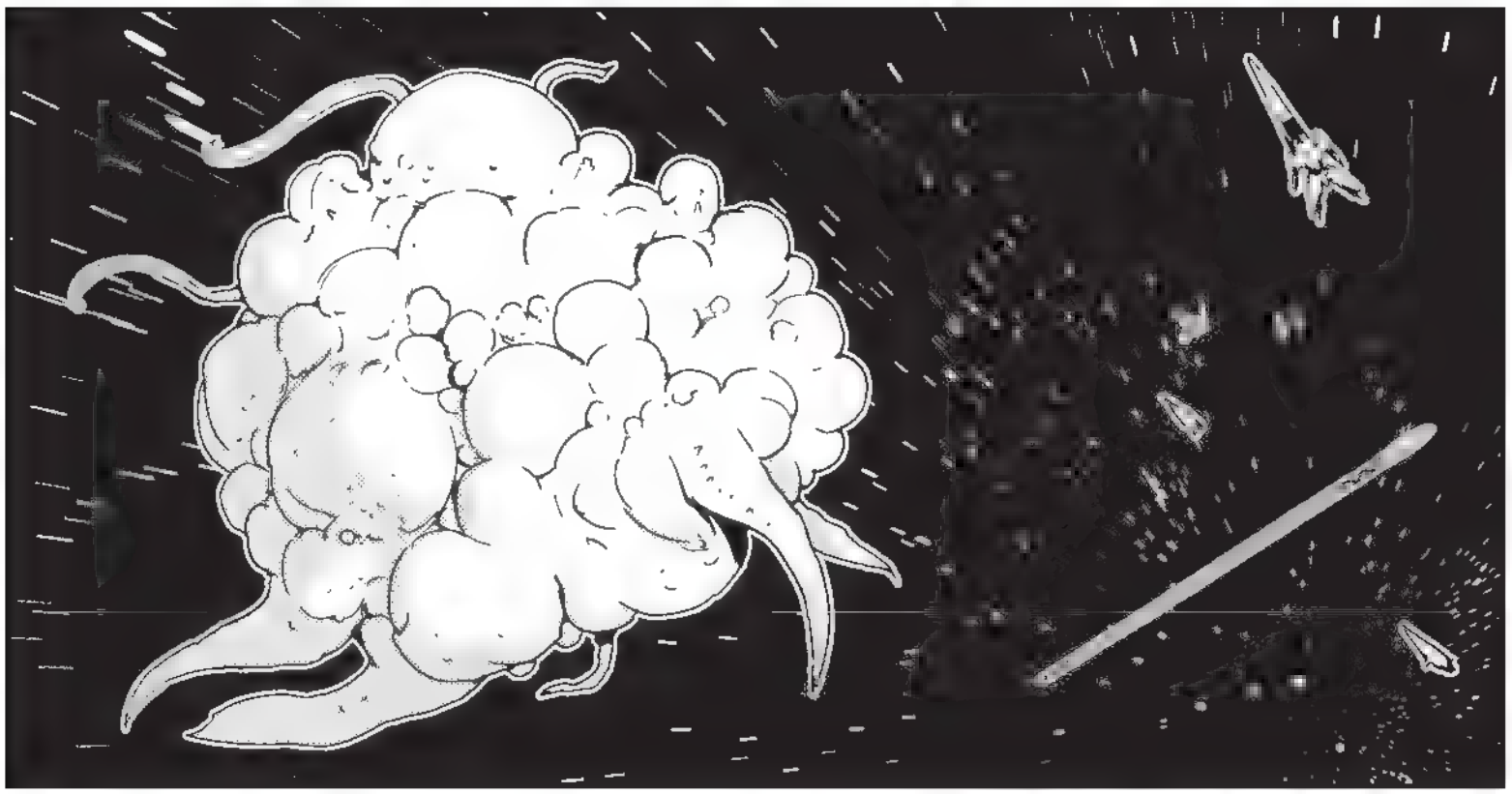

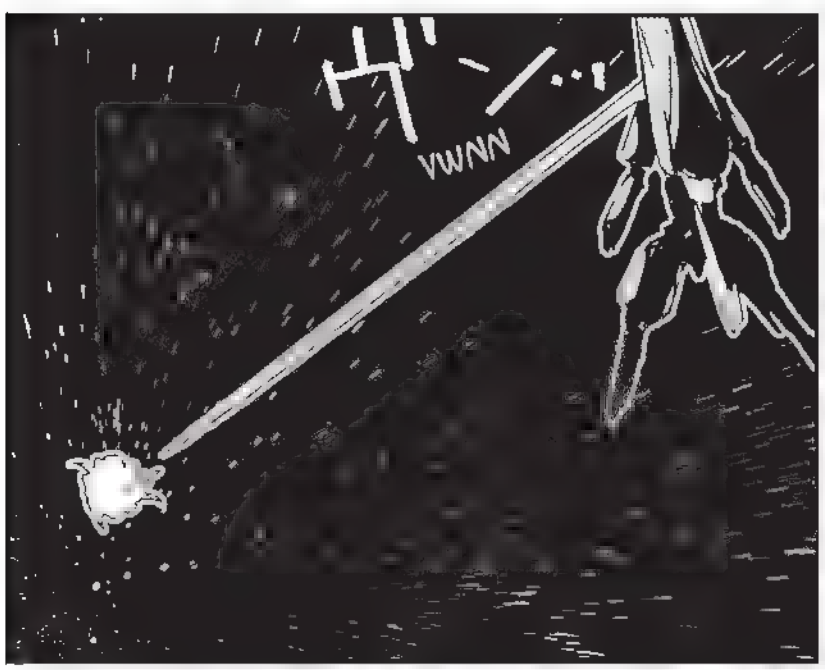
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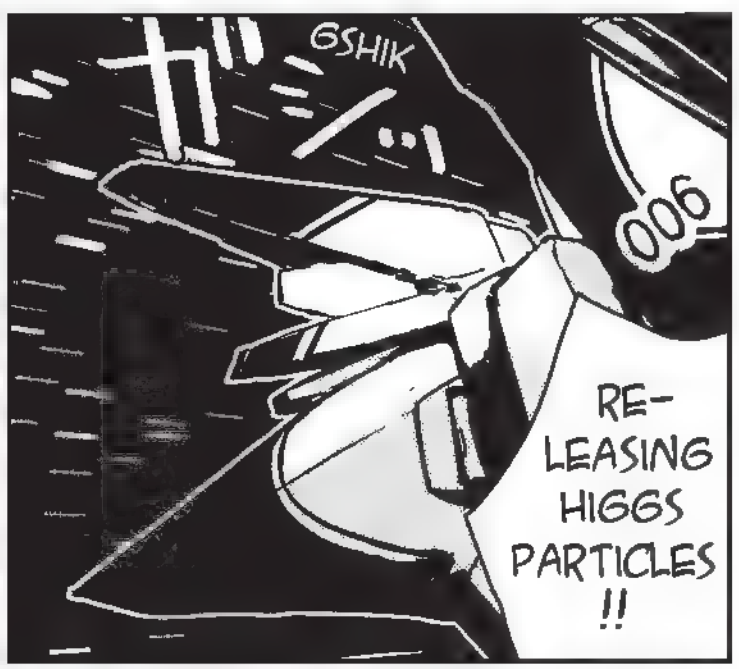
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006
RE-
LEASING
HIGGS
PARTICLES
!!

WT

THZZ

VWNN

006

005

WHAT ?!!

PKINK

A-AN- OTHER PERSON... DEAD...

IT REFLECTED THE ATTACK! DON'T USE YOUR HIGGS PARTICLE CANNONS AGAINST THIS GALNA!!

BOOM

TONAMI !

UNIT 006, MAJOR DAMAGE !

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ZLRRT
GWOP
G 492
005
KABIZASHI
007
704
KANK
UH-UH !!
THOOM
007
CHOMP
KABIZASHI RETRIEVED !!
005
CATCH
FWING
FWING

UH, UM, THOUGH THE TSUGUMORI'S RIGHT ARM WEAPON

704

IS AN OLD MODEL ...

TRUE... TOO MUCH PLACENTA TO PEEL AWAY USING ONLY CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS WITH HEAVY RECOIL.

05

BUT... THOSE REFLECTING BULBS COVER NOT JUST ITS EXTERIOR, THEY'RE ALSO IN ITS MOUTH.

007

WITHOUT USING HIGGS PARTICLE CANNONS, HOW DO WE...

BFOOM

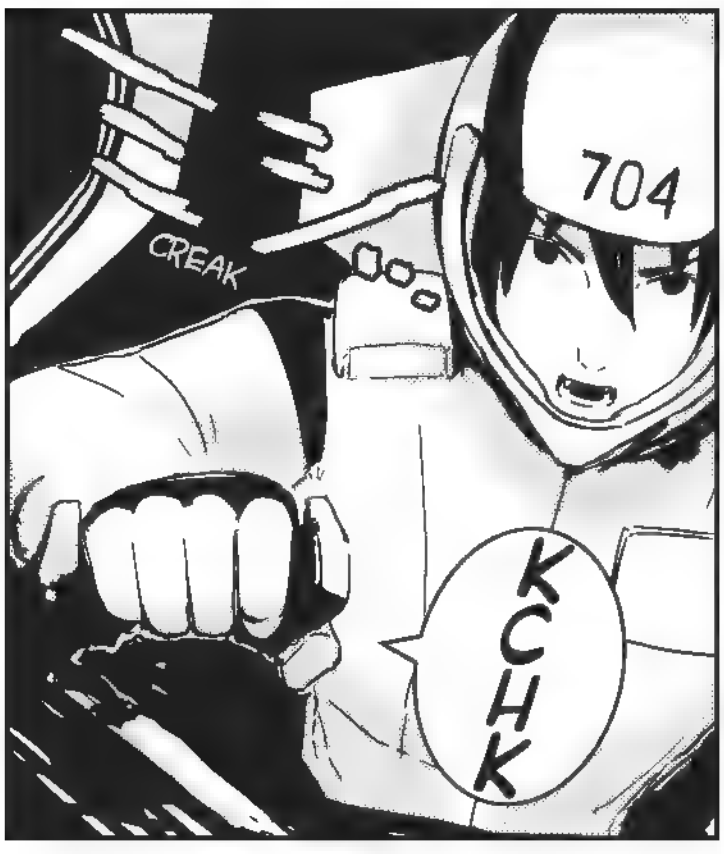
YOU'LL GET EATEN !!

005

TANI-KAZE, WHAT ARE YOU DOING ?!

GWAP

GLOMP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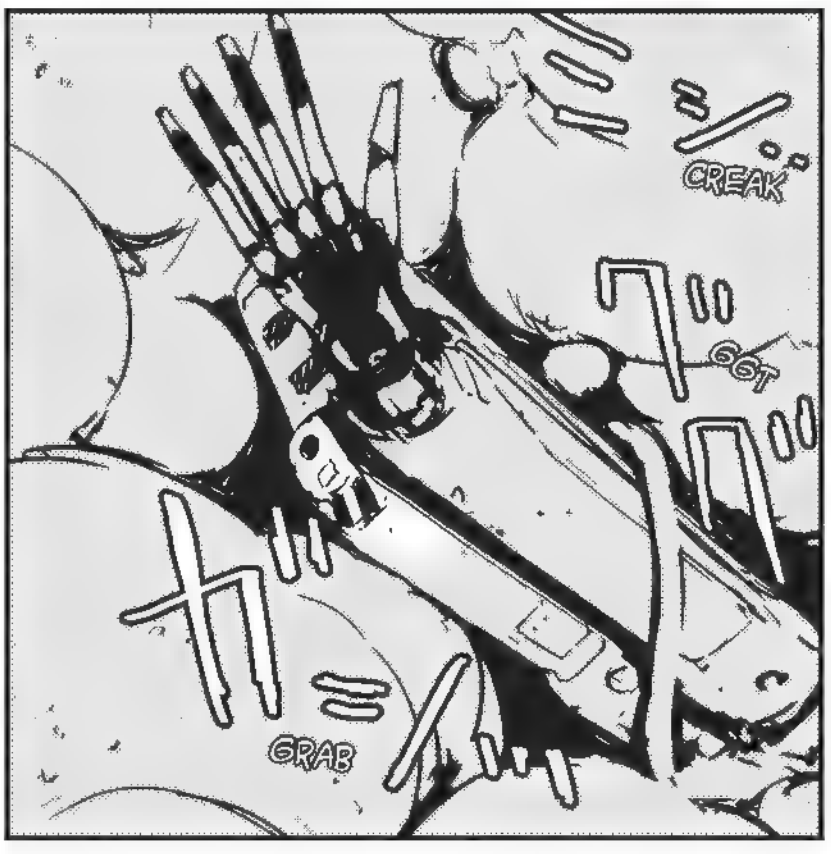
CREAK
KCHK


CREAK
GET
GRAB

BRRRGG

BRRG

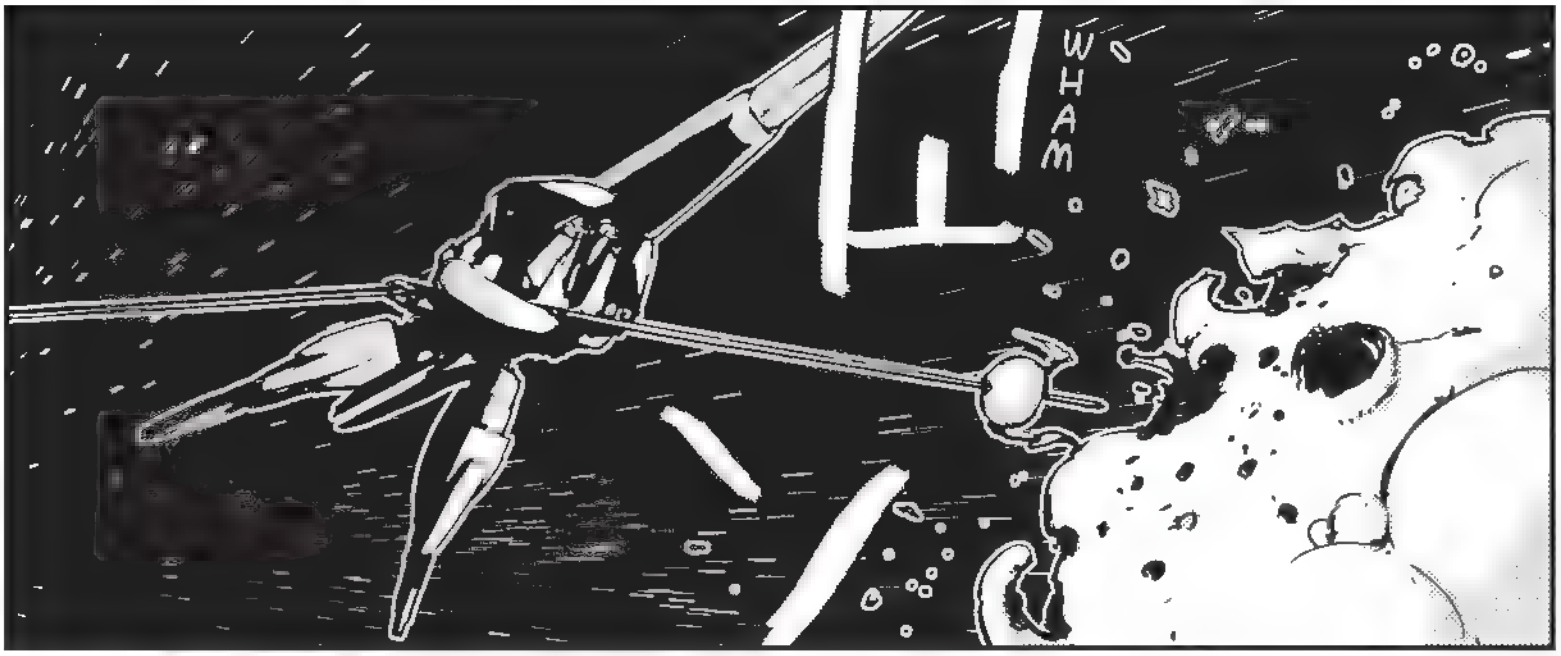
VVVT

CLINK CLINK

AAAA AAH!

6492 CORE EXPOSED !!

BLOP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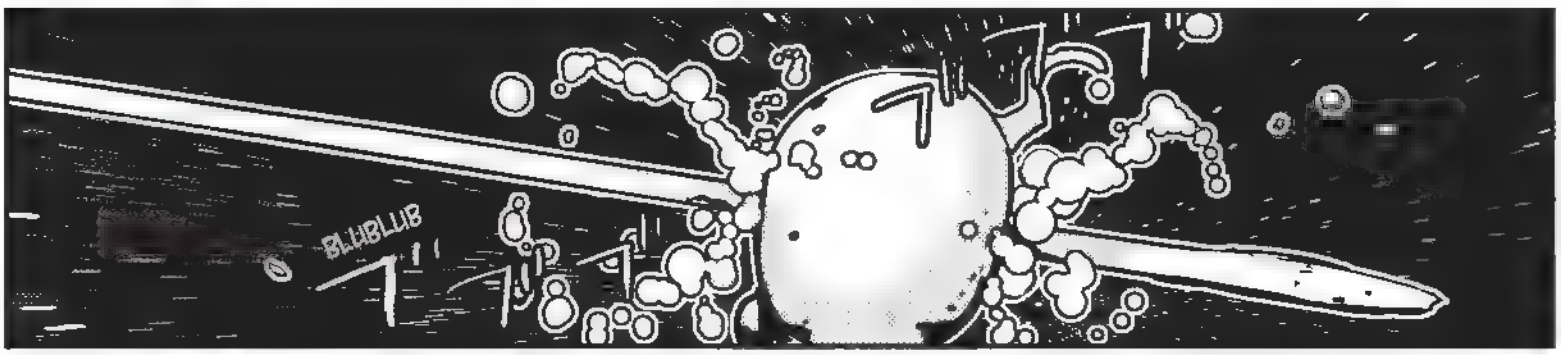
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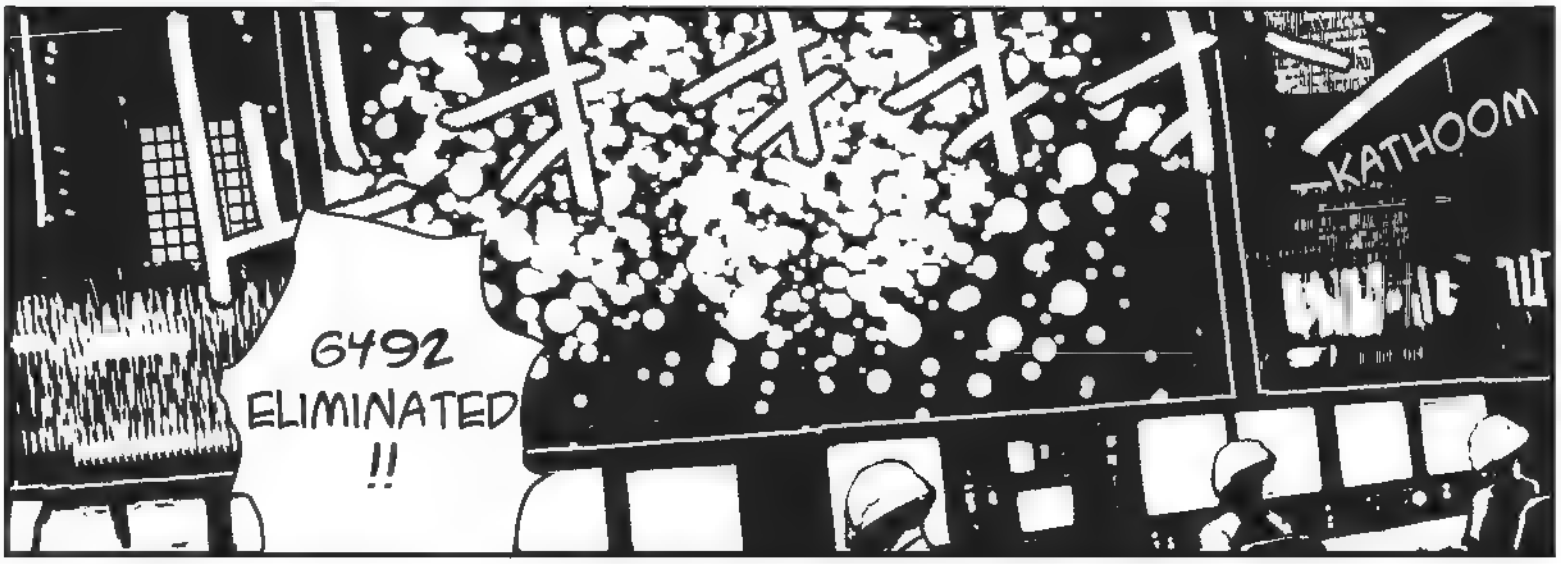
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ELIMINATED
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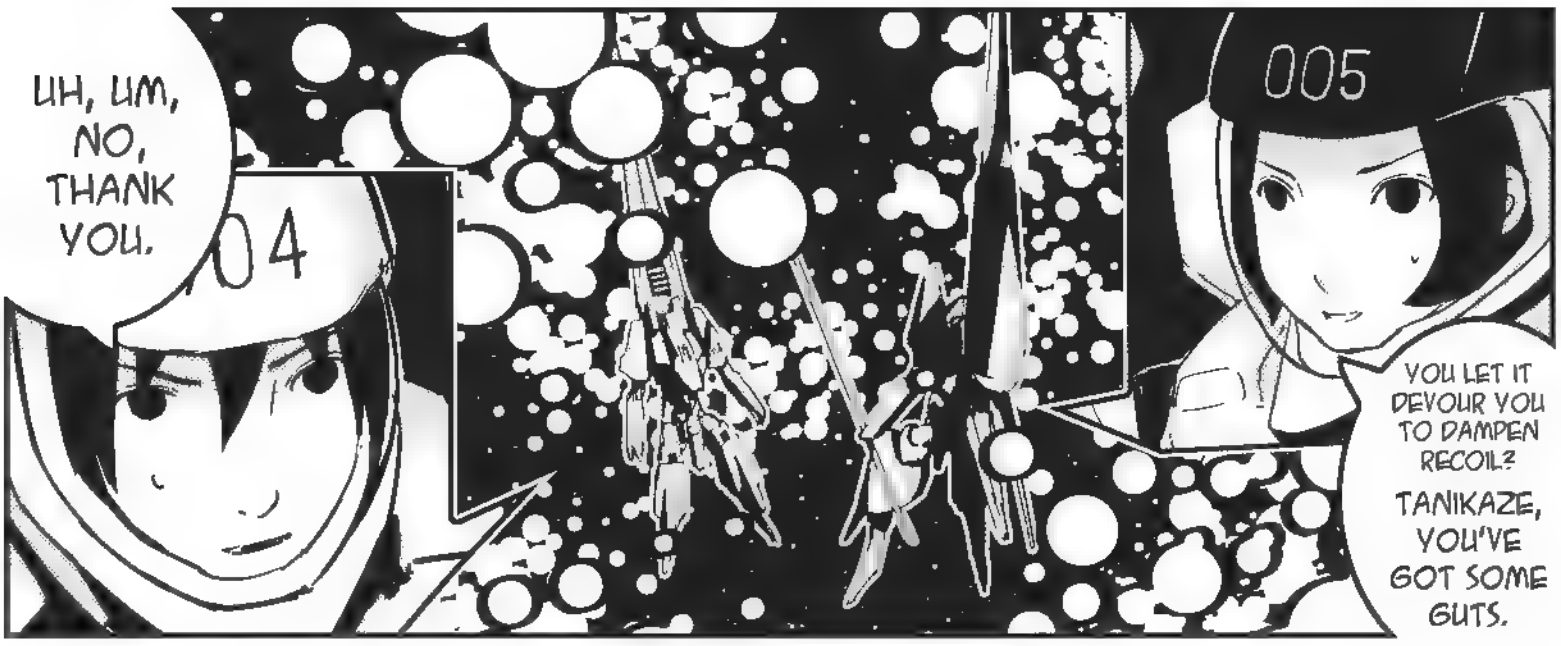
UH, UM, NO, THANK YOU.
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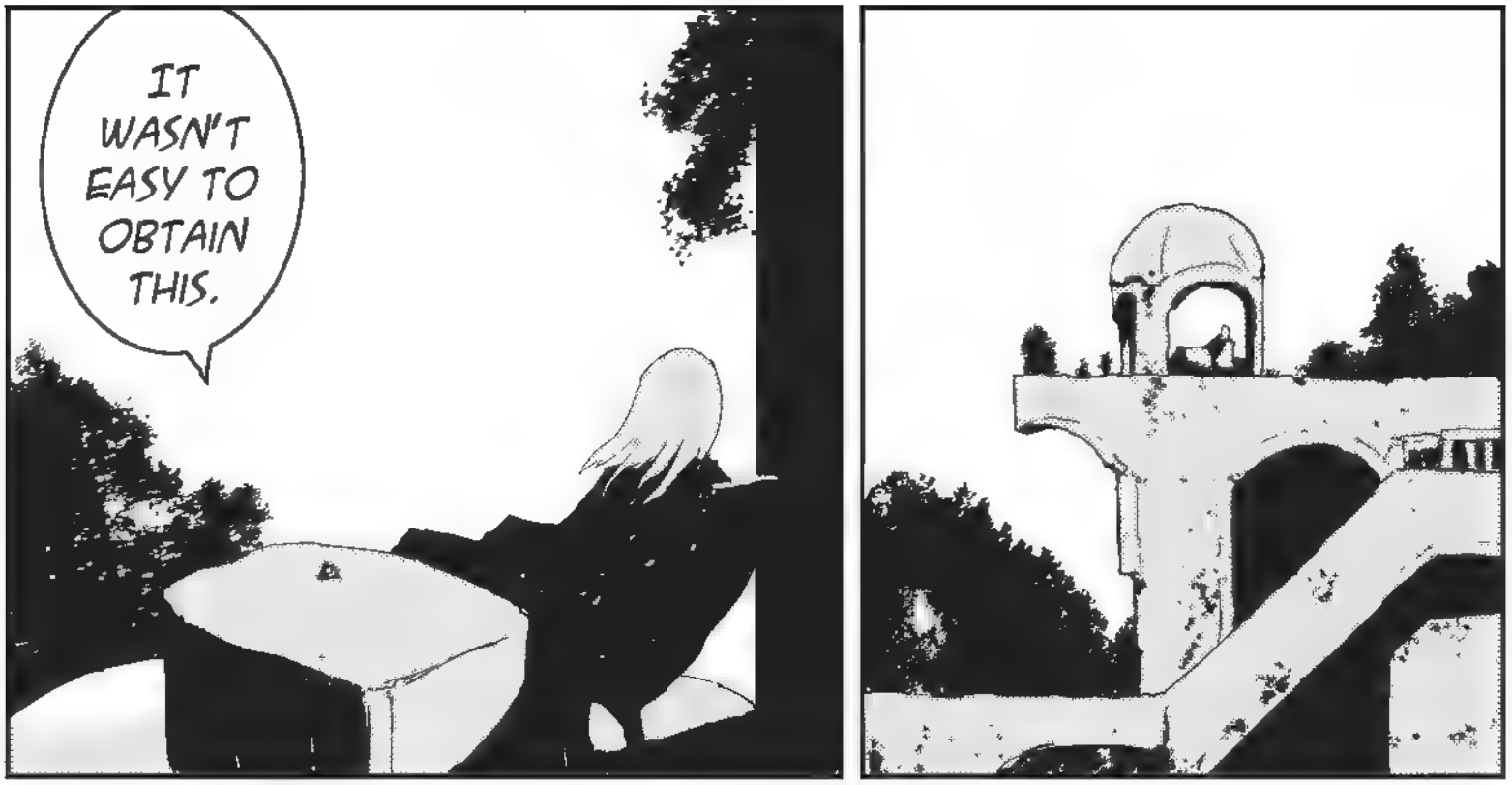
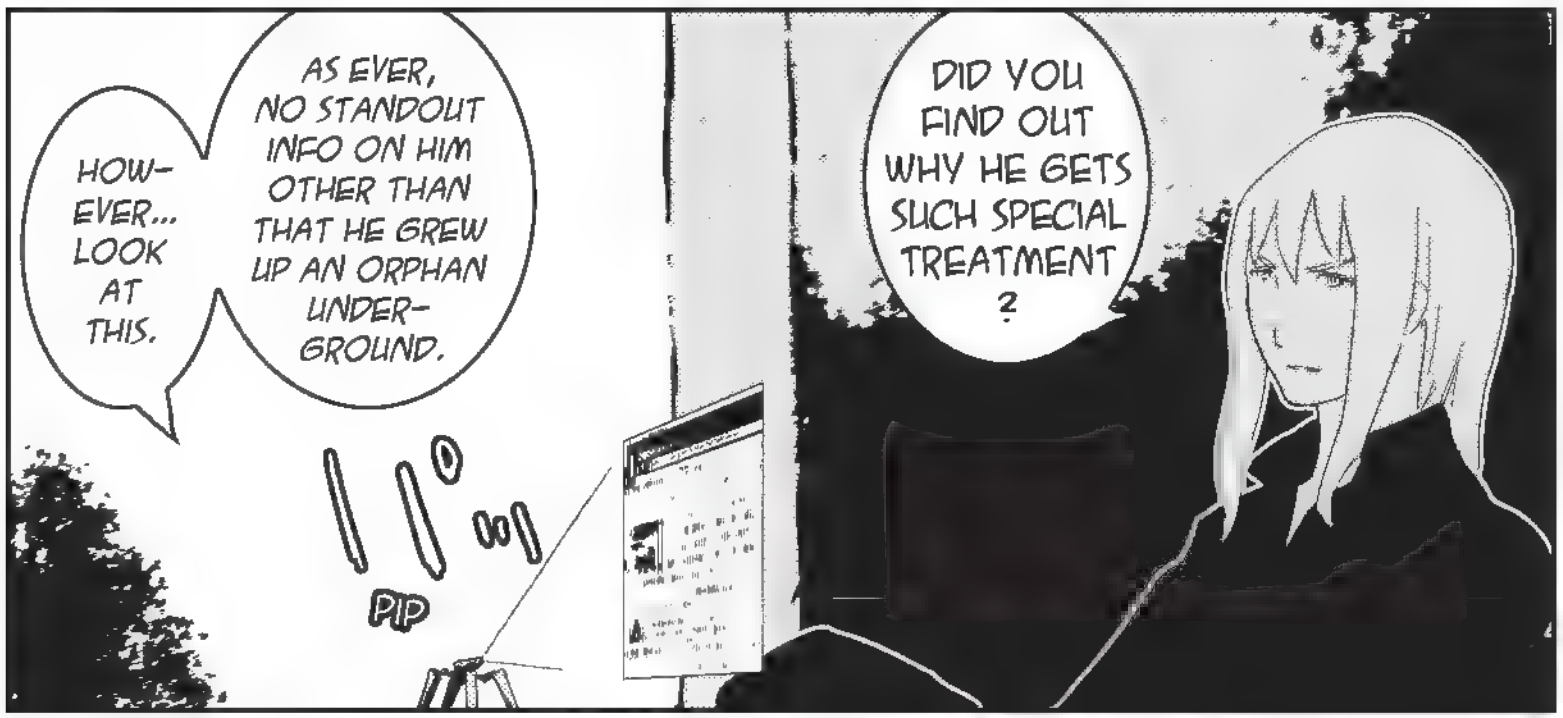
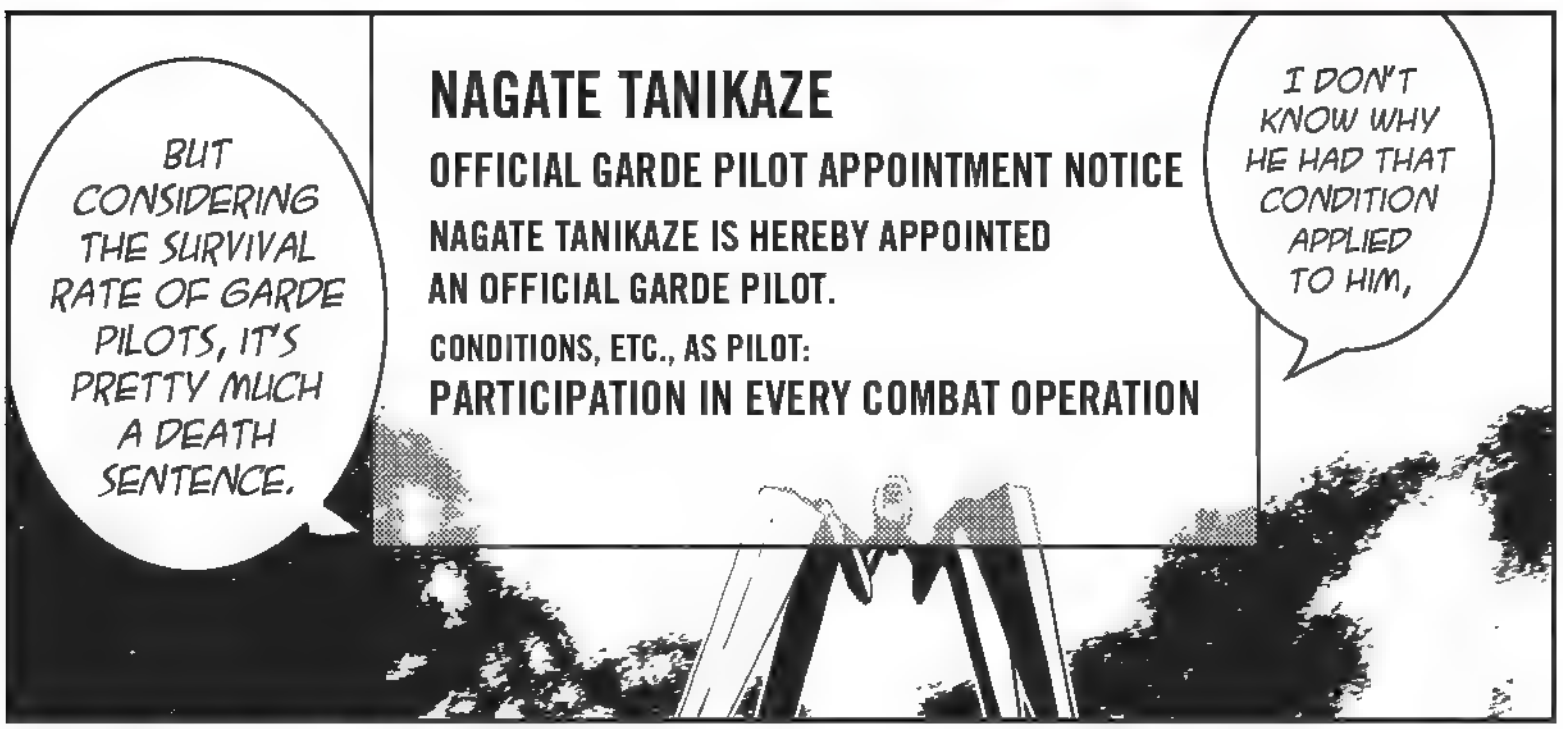
YOU LET IT DEVOUR YOU TO DAMPEN RECOIL?
TANIKAZE, YOU'VE GOT SOME GUTS.




HOW-EVER... LOOK AT THIS.
AS EVER, NO STANDOUT INFO ON HIM OTHER THAN THAT HE GREW UP AN ORPHAN UNDER-GROUND.
PIP
DID YOU FIND OUT WHY HE GETS SUCH SPECIAL TREATMENT ?


BUT CONSIDERING THE SURVIVAL RATE OF GARDE PILOTS, IT'S PRETTY MUCH A DEATH SENTENCE.
NAGATE TANIKAZE
OFFICIAL GARDE PILOT APPOINTMENT NOTICE
NAGATE TANIKAZE IS HEREBY APPOINTED AN OFFICIAL GARDE PILOT.
CONDITIONS, ETC., AS PILOT:
PARTICIPATION IN EVERY COMBAT OPERATION
I DON'T KNOW WHY HE HAD THAT CONDITION APPLIED TO HIM,

Chapter 12: END

シドニアの騎士

KNIGHTS OF SIDONIA

Chapter 13: Izana Shinatose's Sigh

One Hundred Sights of Sidonia Part Ten:
Organic-Conversion Reactor Residential Use Hatch

THE "KABIZASHI-GAUNA LINKAGE" FACTION MAJORITY STANDING.

DEMANDS TO BE LET OFF IN THE LEM STAR SYSTEM ARE ON THE RISE.

ANY MORE COMBAT RISKS BESTOWING ...

GREATER CLUSTER SHIP

3 LIGHT-YEARS

"IF WE ABANDON OUR KABIZASHI, THE GAUNA WON'T COME AFTER US" ...

ACCORDING TO THEM, THAT'S THE ONLY WAY TO EXECUTE OUR PLANNED TRAJECTORY TO THE LEM STAR SYSTEM.

STAR SYSTEM

SIDONIA

LESSER CLUSTER SHIP

BUT WE WILL NOT QUIT THE WAR. WE CANNOT REBUILD OUR HOME, THE SOLAR SYSTEM, ALONGSIDE GAUNAS.

I'LL LET THEM.

THOSE WHO WISH TO GET OFF THE SIDONIA CAN.

KABIZASHIS ARE OUR SOLE DEFENSE AGAINST GAUNA. EVEN IF WE DID JETTISON THEM, THERE'S NO GUARANTEE THE GAUNA WILL LET US GO.

SUCH FOLLY ...

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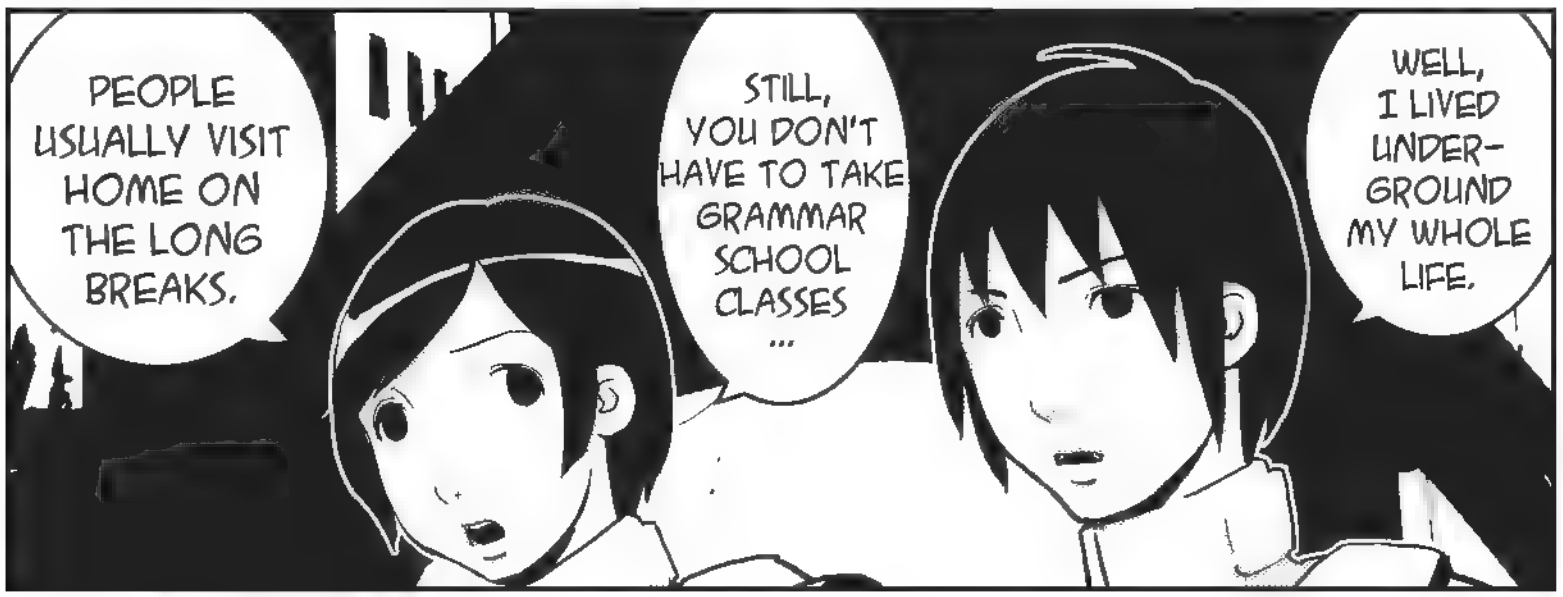
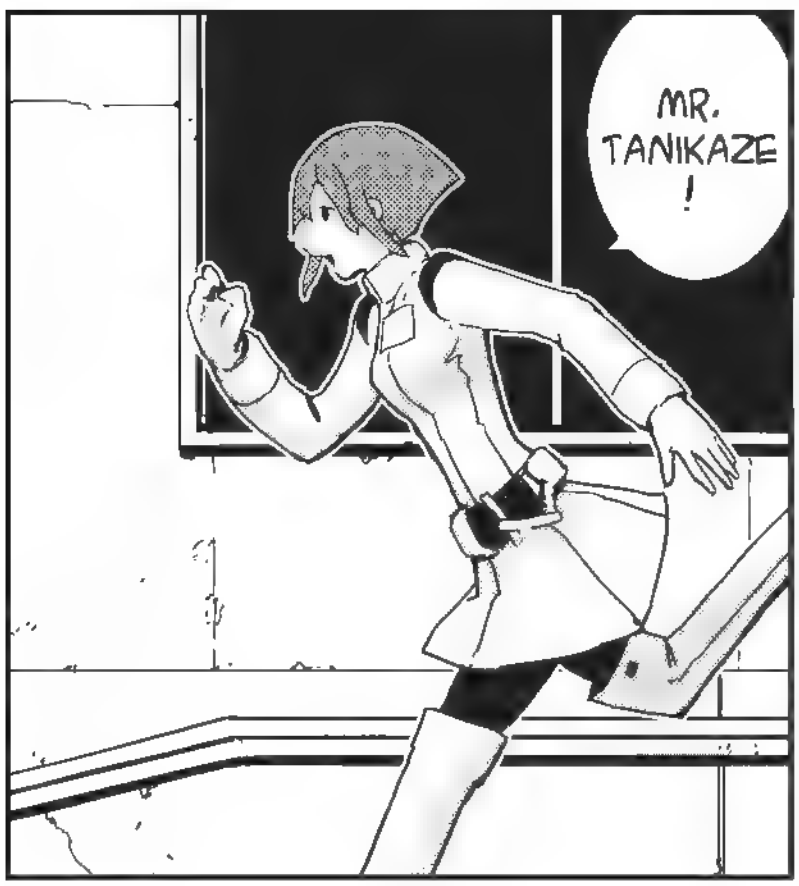
LA
WHA
?!


PEOPLE USUALLY VISIT HOME ON THE LONG BREAKS.
STILL, YOU DON'T HAVE TO TAKE GRAMMAR SCHOOL CLASSES ...
WELL, I LIVED UNDER-GROUND MY WHOLE LIFE.


MR. TANIKAZE !

MY GRANDMA WANTS TO MEET YOU TOO, NAGATE.
JUST ONE NIGHT.

IT'LL BE A FUN VACATION FOR SURE!

ONE NIGHT ONLY.

YOU WILL? YAY!!

AH

LOOKS LIKE I'VE BEEN BEATEN TO THE PUNCH ...

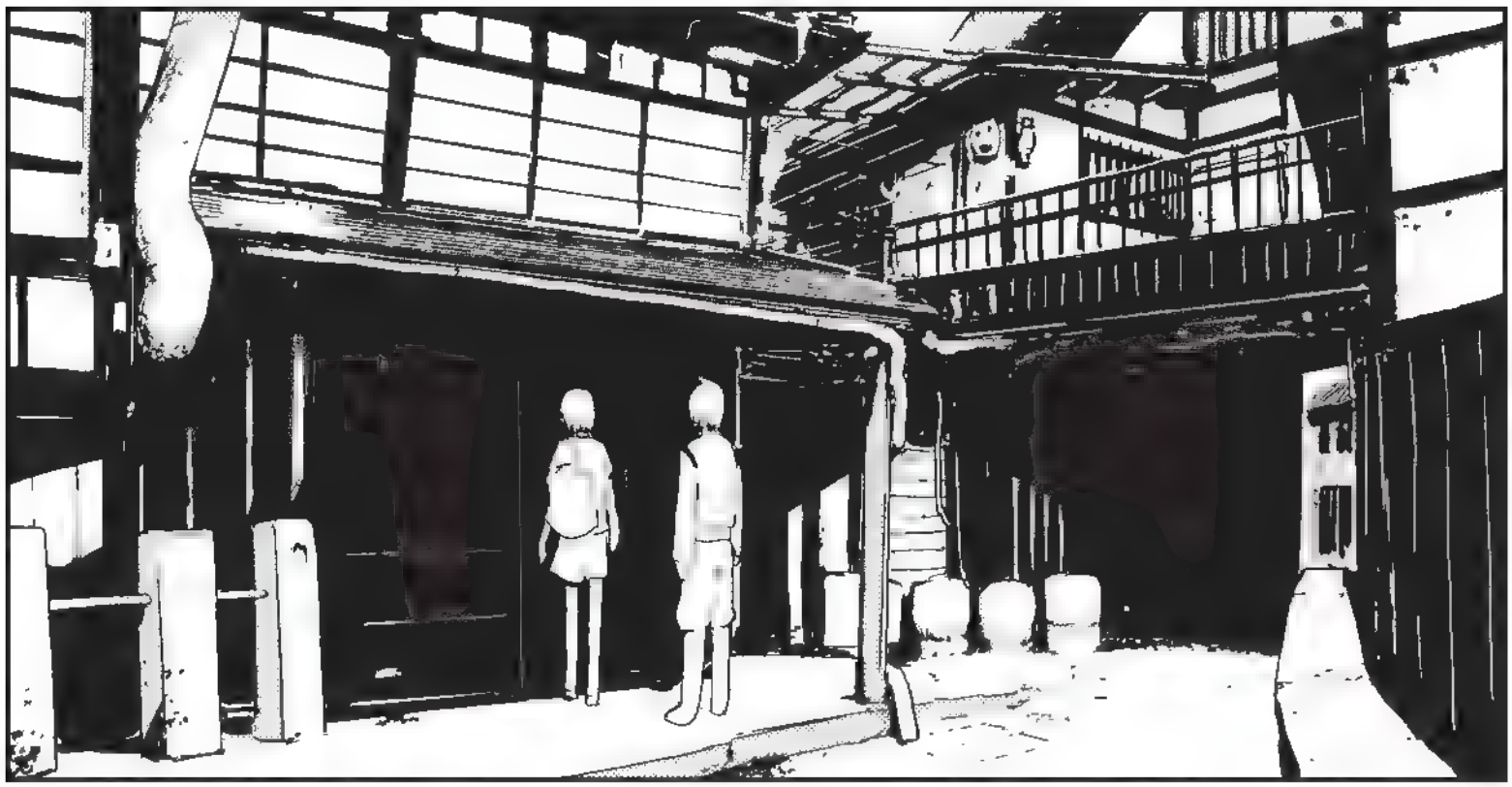
IT'S THE FOURTH LARGEST FLATLAND IN THE RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.

THE FLOOR GOES OUT SO FAR!

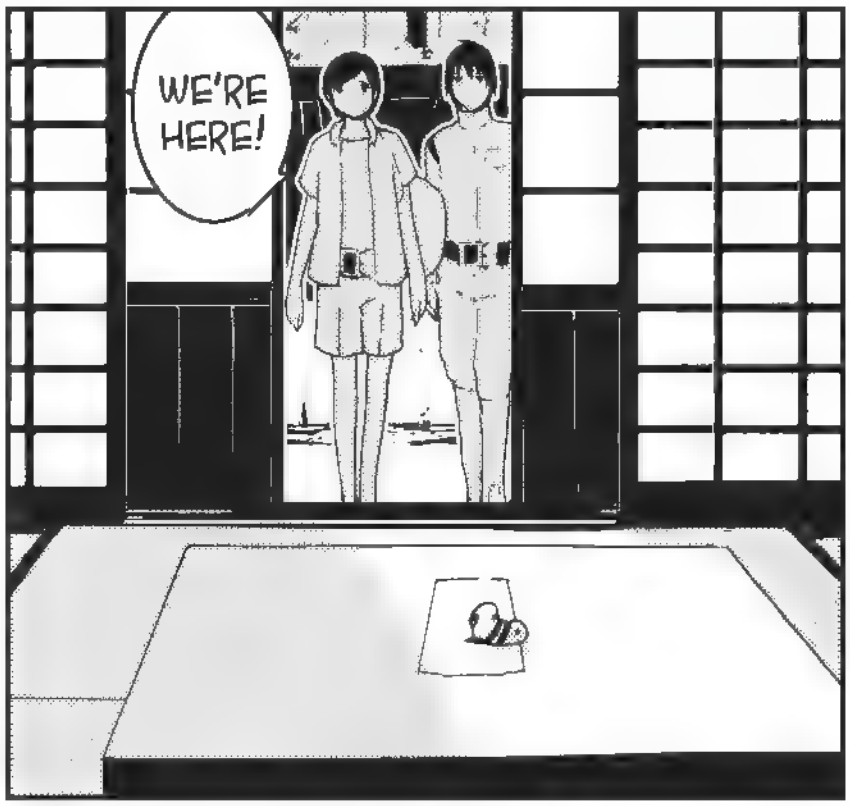
WHOA!

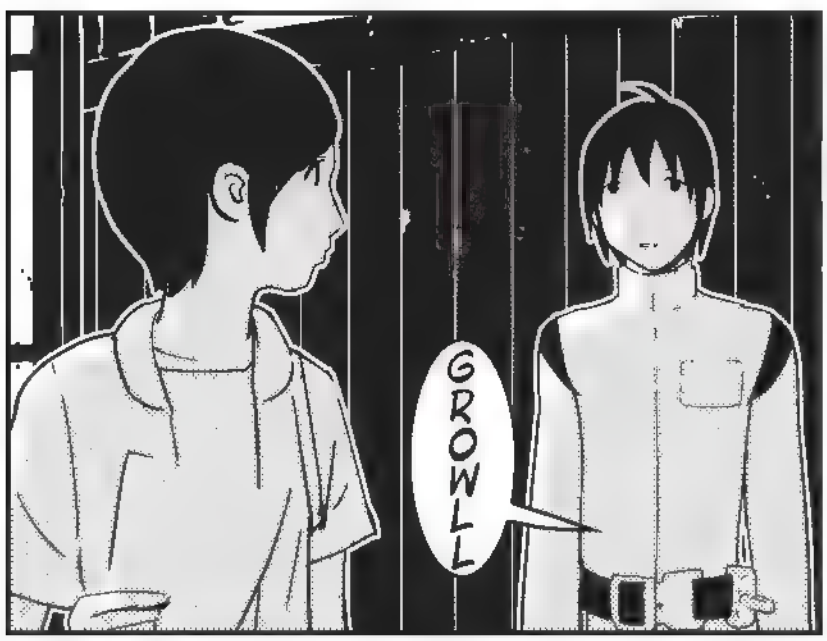
AMAZ-ING, HUH?

QUICK!



HUH?
WHA?
Izana,
I need to
take care of
something.
I'll be back
tomorrow.
Grandma


WE'RE
HERE!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LOCK THE
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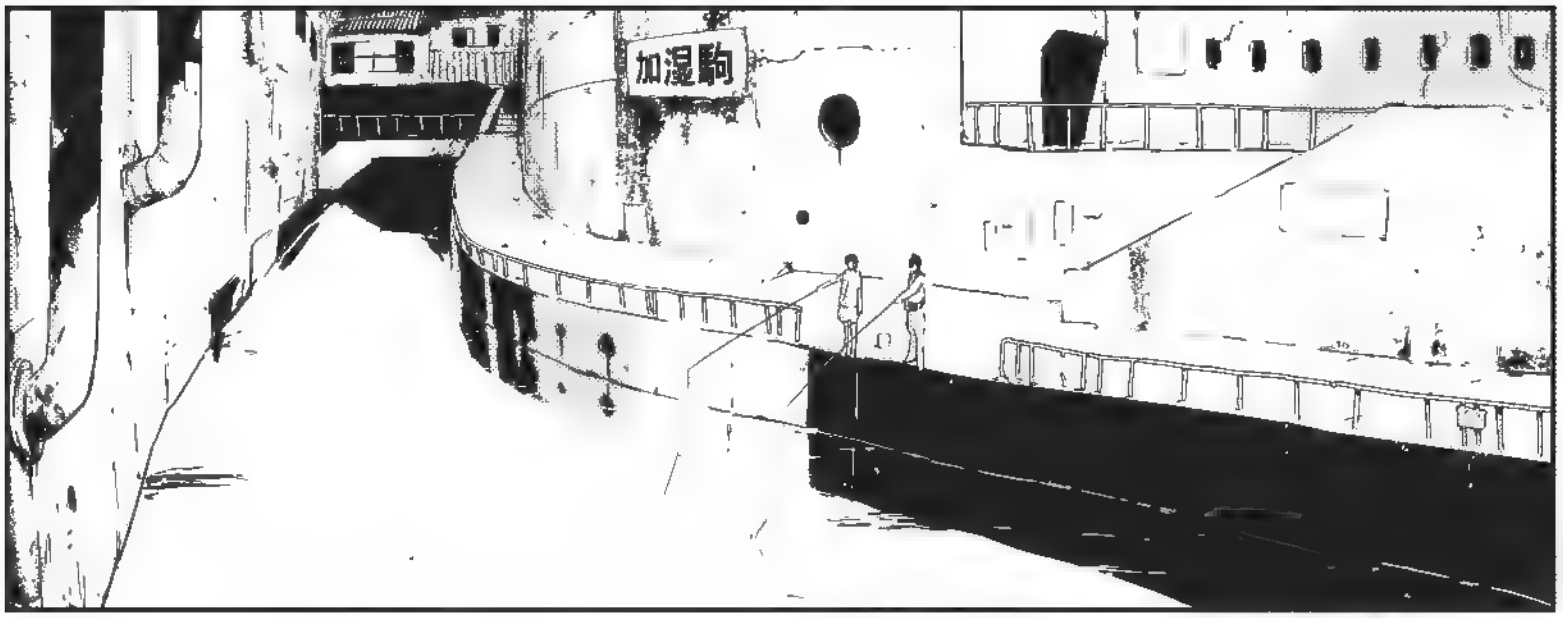
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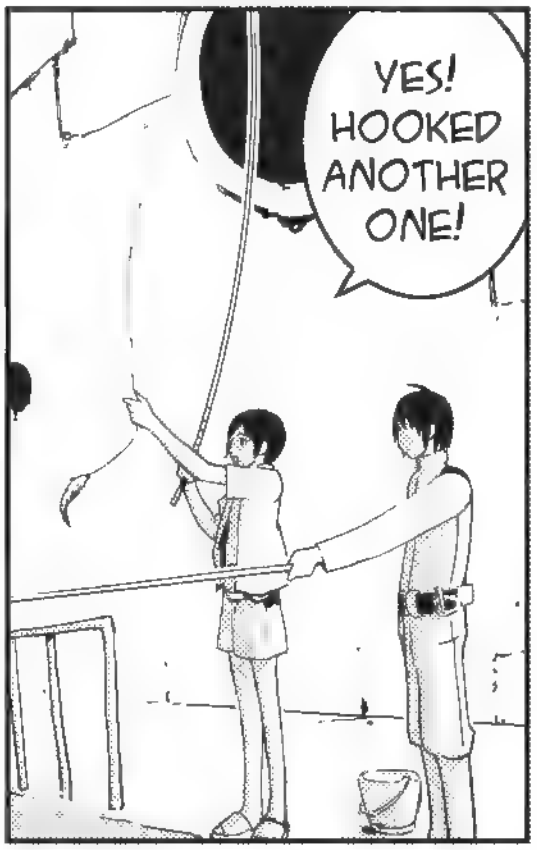
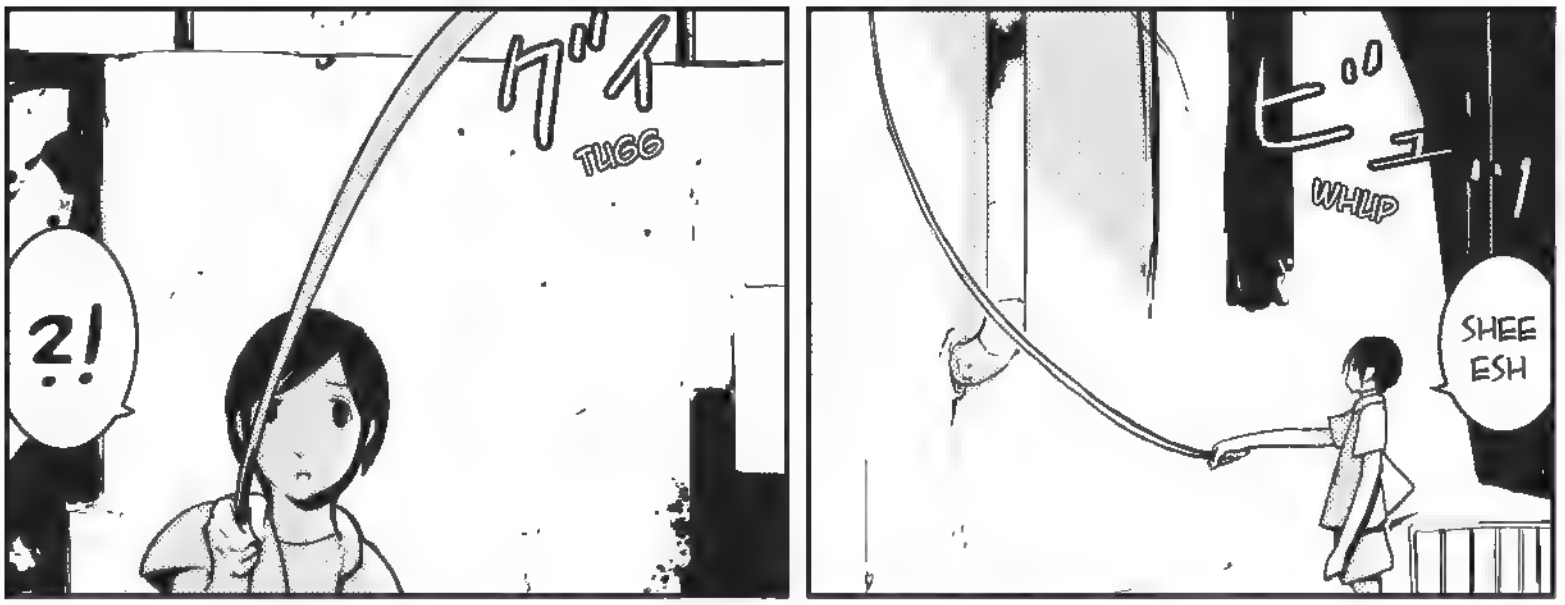
IT'S A WAR. IT CAN'T BE HELPED.
STOP BLAMING YOURSELF, OKAY?
IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT, NAGATE.

THERE HE GOES AGAIN ...

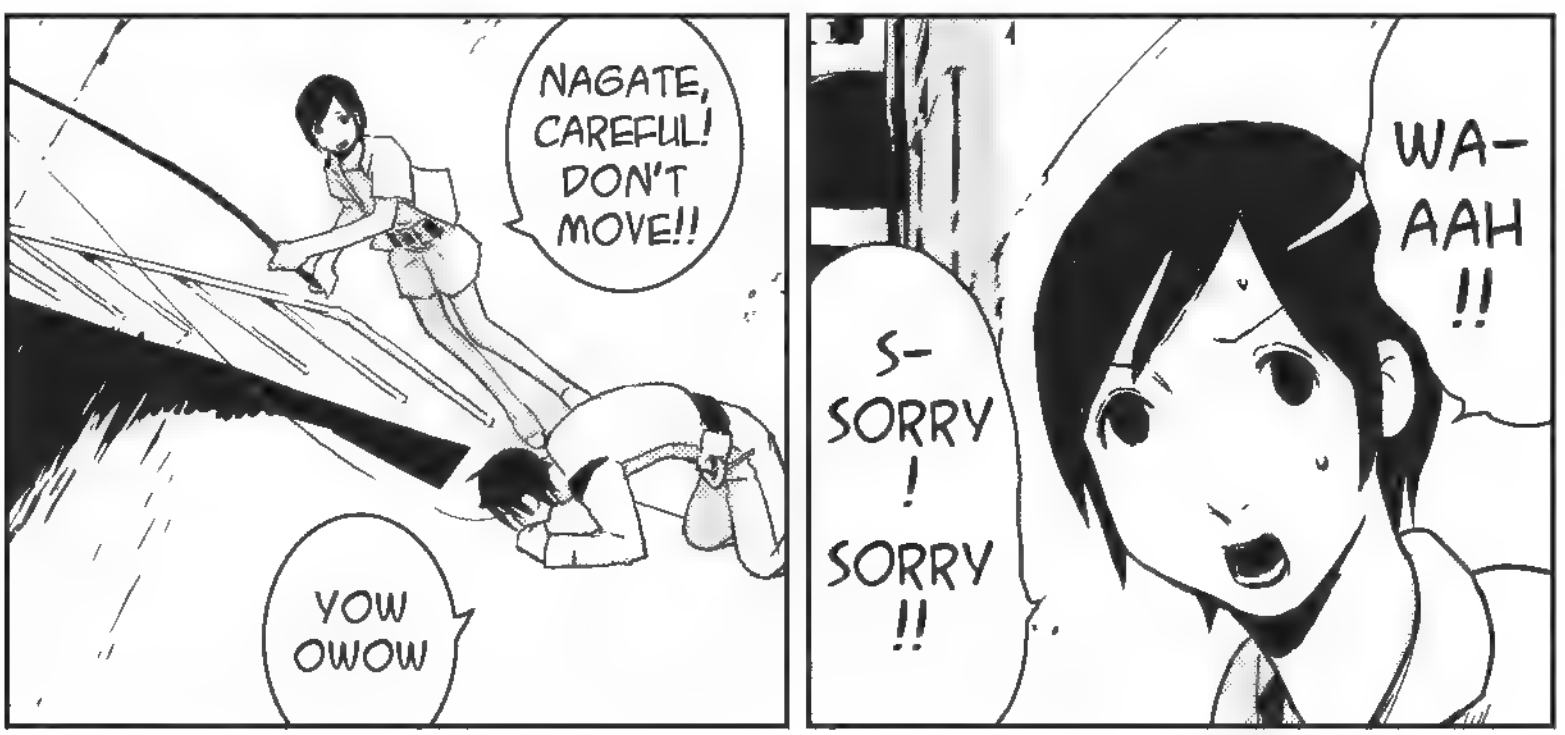

YES! HOOKED ANOTHER ONE!

A PLACENTA IS A PLACENTA !
...

WHAT IF... THE GAUNA REPLICATED A PERFECT HOSHIJIRO ...
ITS FACE IS THE SPITTING IMAGE OF HOSHIJIRO ...
THAT PLACENTA I BROUGHT BACK...
NO FISHING


TUGG
?!
WHUP
SHEE
ESH

BWIING
AH
AAH
!


NAGATE, CAREFUL! DON'T MOVE!!
YOW OWOW
S- SORRY ! SORRY !!
WA- AAH !!

SPLASSH

GAH

SPLOSH

YOW
OWOW

PTIK

GOT
IT!!

DON'T
WORRY,
I'M
GOOD.

I'M
REALLY
SORRY!

YUHATA MIDORIKAWA!!

WHAT A COINCI-DENCE.

IF IT ISN'T MR. TANIKAZE AND MR. IZANA.

IT'S A BIT AHEAD OF TIME FOR A SWIM.

WHY ARE THE TWO OF YOU SOAKING WET?

I'M STAYING AT AN INN NEAR HERE.

IT'S GOT HOT SPRING BATHS. WHY DON'T YOU TWO TAKE A DIP THERE?

EVEN MR. IZANA WHO'S NEITHER MALE NOR FEMALE SHOULD BE FINE!

THEY'VE GOT A MIDDLE BATH, TOO.

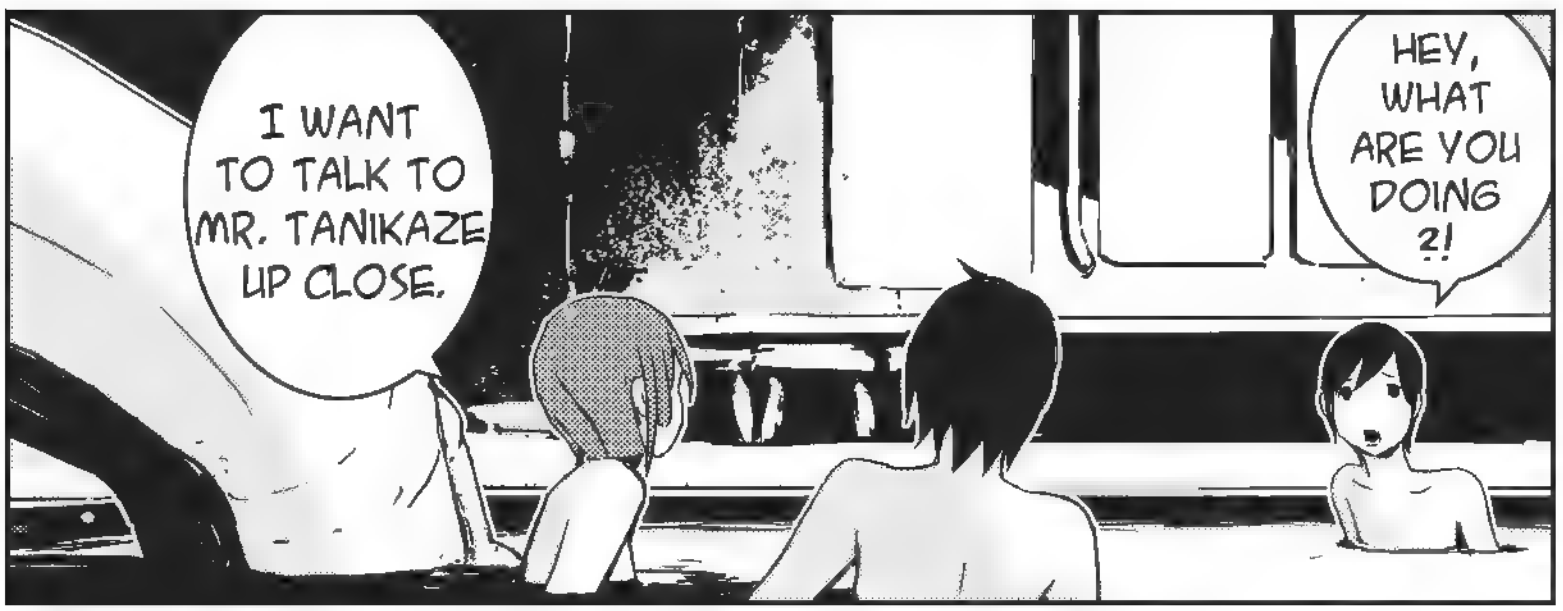
MEN'S BATH
CLEANING
WOMEN'S BATH
CLEANING
MIDDLE BATH
MIXED BATH
湯
湯
Bath
Y-
YOU
...
MR.
IZANA,
WHY DID
YOU COME
TO THE
MIXED
BATH?

THERE ARE NO OTHER GUESTS TODAY.
WE'RE FINE.

WHAT IF SOMEONE ELSE COMES IN?
DUNNO ABOUT MIXED, THOUGH ...

THIS FEELS SO GOOD.
PHEW ...

WAH !
SPLOOSH


I WANT TO TALK TO MR. TANIKAZE UP CLOSE.
HEY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING ?!

EVEN THE SWELLING'S GONE DOWN. YOU HEAL SO FAST.

YOU'RE RIGHT.

AH, OH, TOTALLY !

IS THE WOUND ON YOUR MOUTH OKAY?

UH-OH... THE CAPTAIN TOLD ME TO KEEP MY HEALING QUICK A SECRET.

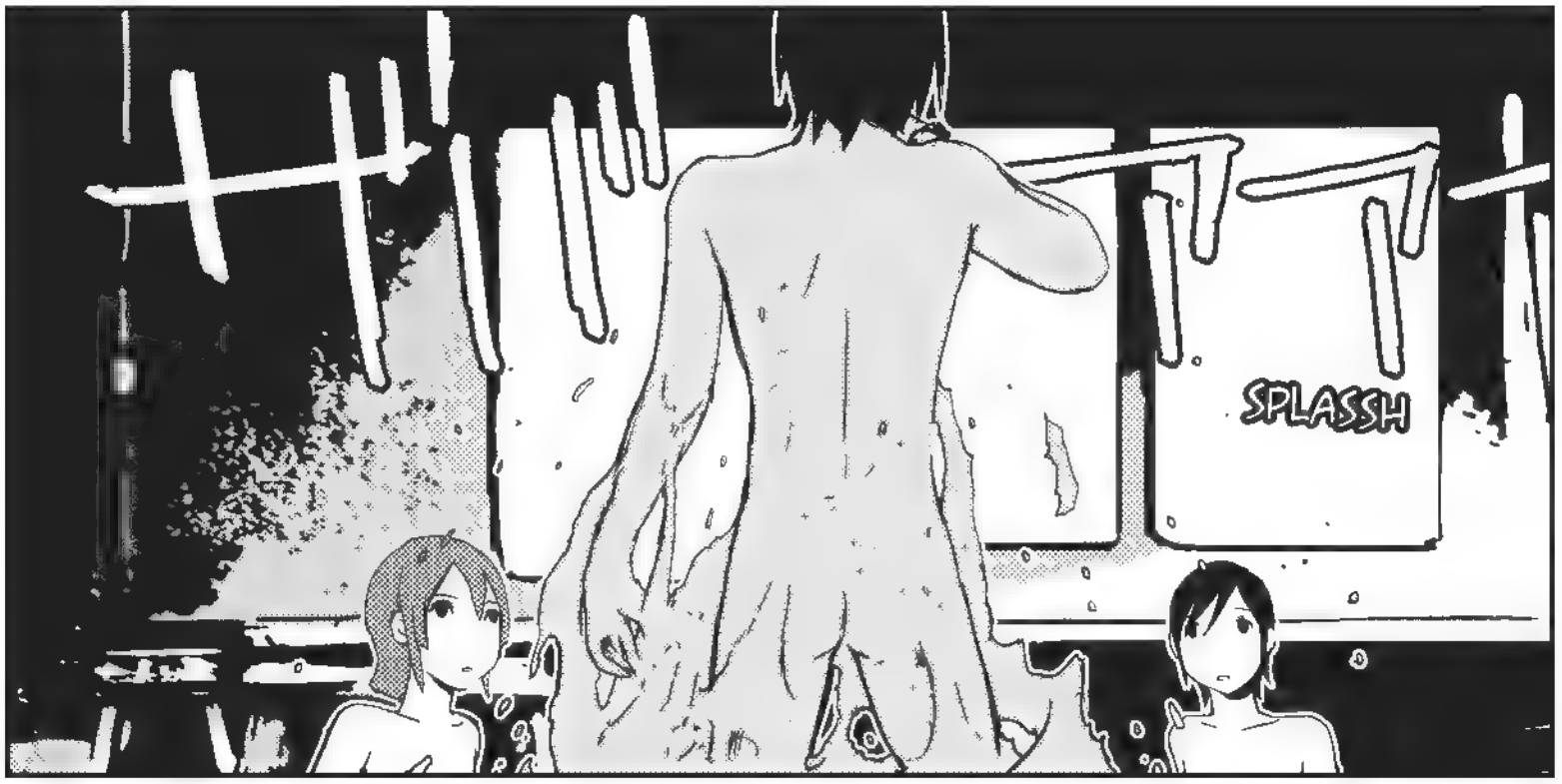
DON'T TELL ME THOSE WERE BABY TEETH THAT THEY BROKE ...

COME TO THINK OF IT, YOUR FRONT TEETH ARE GROWING BACK TOO.

!

OWW

HM, WAIT. IT DOES STILL HURT...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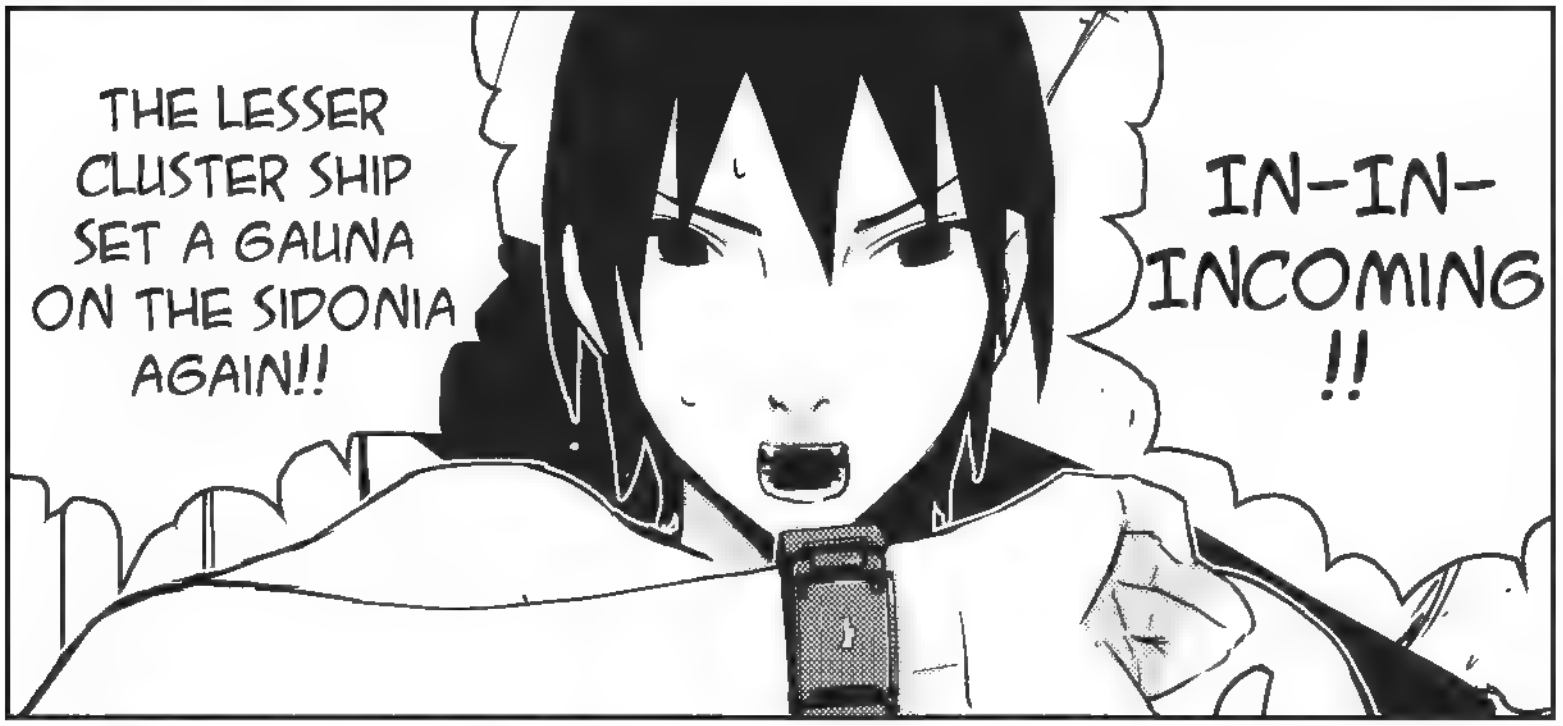
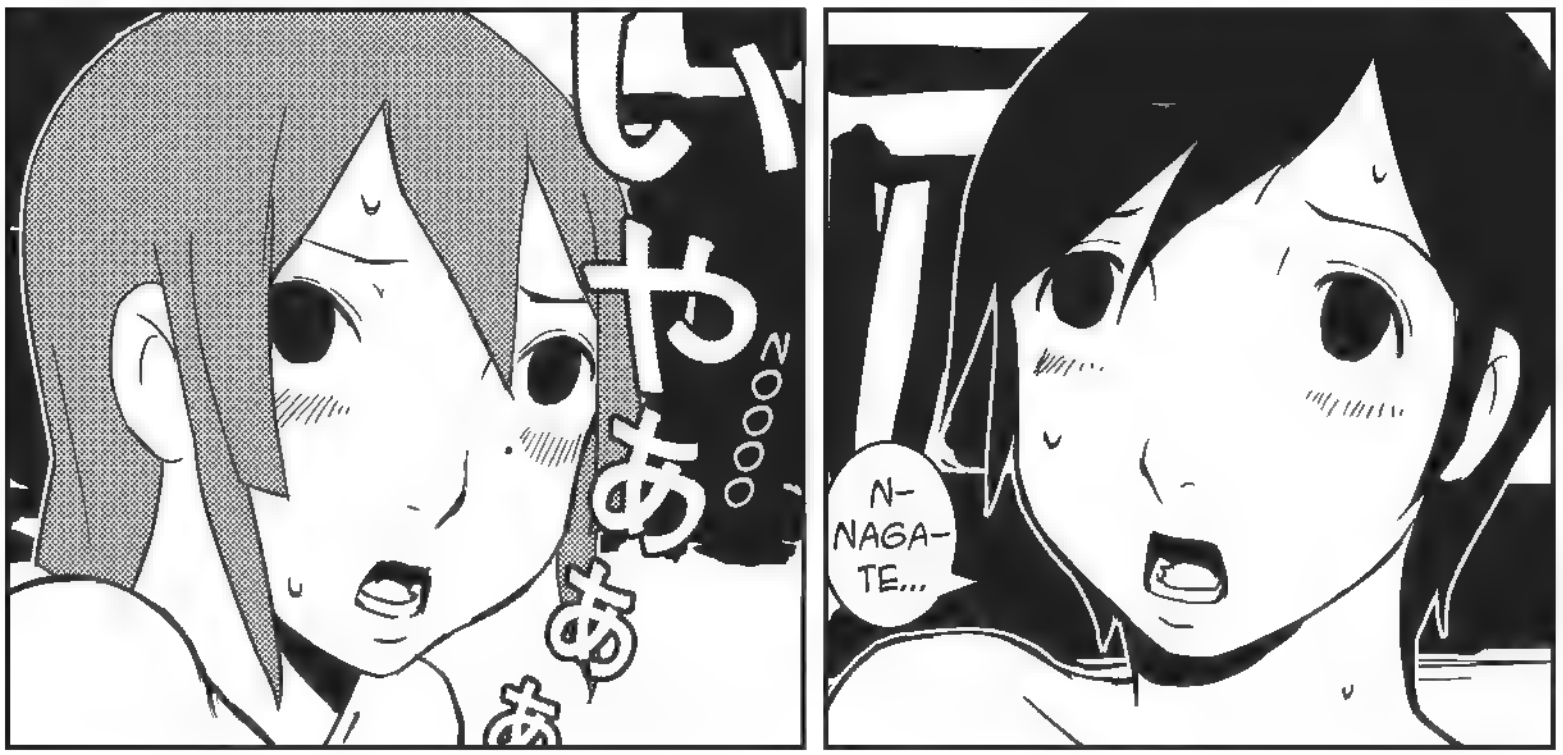

THE LESSER CLUSTER SHIP SET A GAUNA ON THE SIDONIA AGAIN!!
IN-IN-INCOMING !!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N-NAGA-TE...

GREAT, THEN THIS SHOULD BE A DAY TRIP.

GWOOSH

SO THIS ONE APPROACHED SIDONIA BY STEALTHING ITSELF TOO?

IT'S MANAGED TO GET DANGEROUSLY CLOSE.

KWEEEM

GAUNA NEARING IN!! COMMENCE REACCELER-ATION !!

BOOM

WE'LL BE IN PARALLEL FLIGHT WITH THE TARGET SHORTLY !!

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704 TANIKAZ

VWOOO
DISBAND CLAMP ARRAY !!
COM-MENCE ATTACK !!!
GWOOSH

KWEEEM

EXCUSE US, BUT FIRST DIBS' OURS!

THIS IS MIGITA SQUAD.

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VWOO

TWIRL

EWIM

VRRR

DAMN!!

VWOOO

WHISH

GWEEM

VWWM

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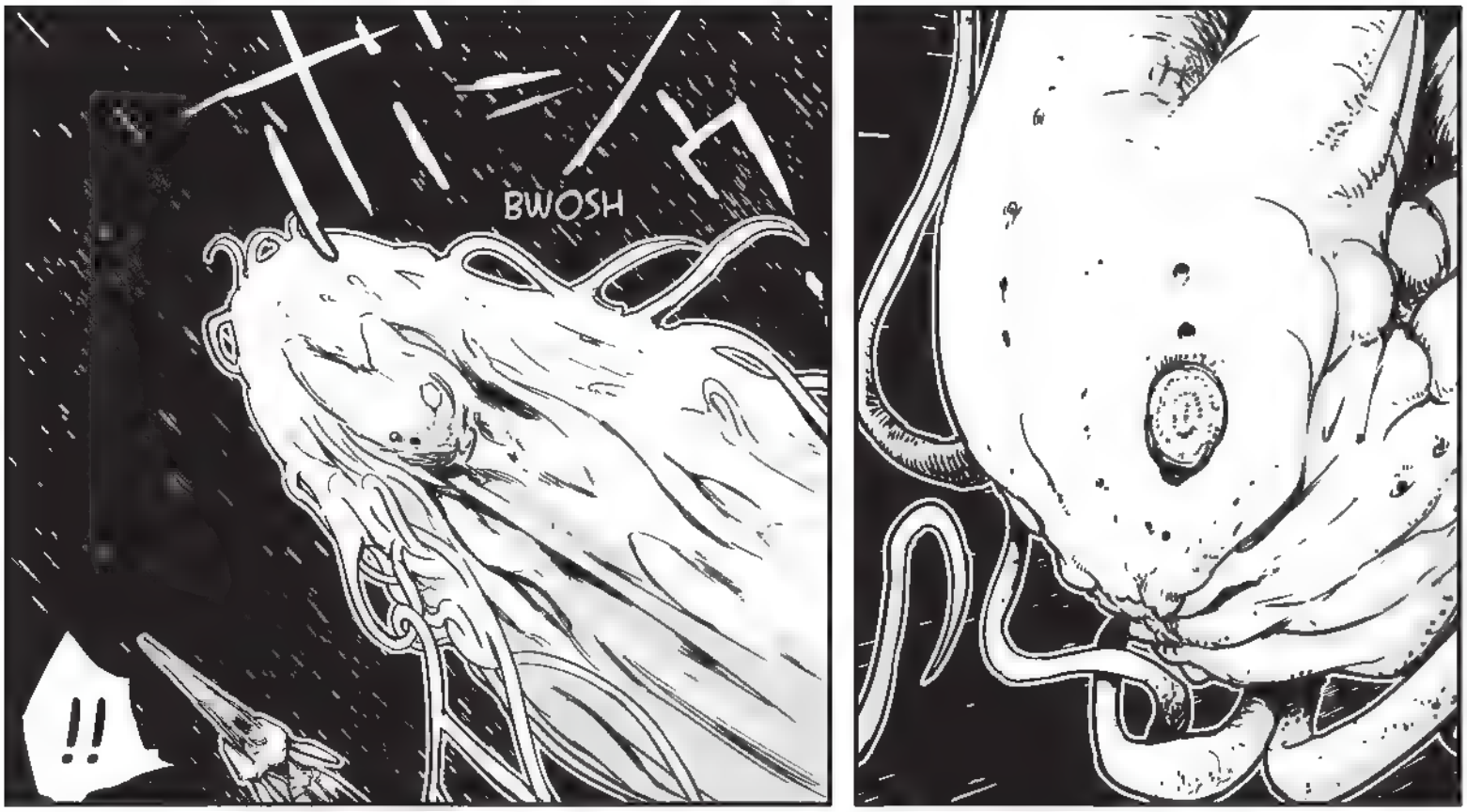
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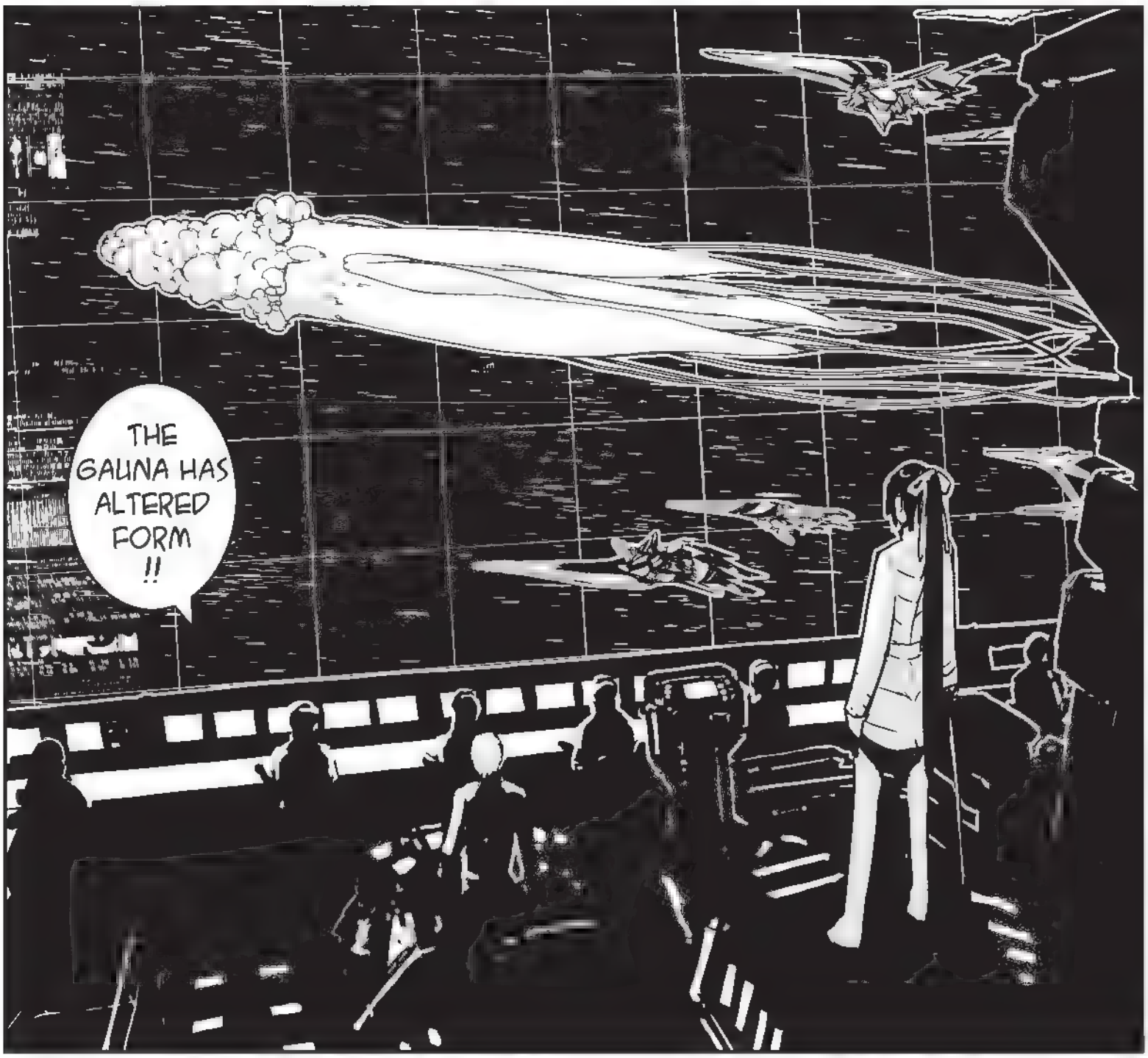

THE GAUNA HAS ALTERED FORM !!

IT'S FAST !!

GWOOSH

THAT SHAPE... A MISSILE ...

IT CAN'T PUT UP A DECENT FIGHT AGAINST GARDES NOW...

IT MUST HAVE EXHAUSTED A MASSIVE AMOUNT OF HIGGS PARTICLES TO SPECIALIZE ITSELF FOR FLIGHT.

THIS ONE'S ONLY BEEN AFTER THE SIDONIA FROM THE START...

NO USE, WE CAN'T CATCH UP !!

THOOM

SAMARI SQD. 6 UNITS

G 493

THE GAUNA HAS BROKEN PAST THE FINAL DEFENSE LINE!!

SIDONIA

G 493

IT CLEARLY TRANSFORMED ONLY AFTER DRAWING IN THE GARDES... A MOST HUMAN STRATEGY ...

AS FAR AS I CAN RECALL, A GAUNA HAS NEVER TAKEN THIS KIND OF ACTION BEFORE.

THOOM

MAX OUTPUT !!

005

EVERY-ONE NEAR ME!

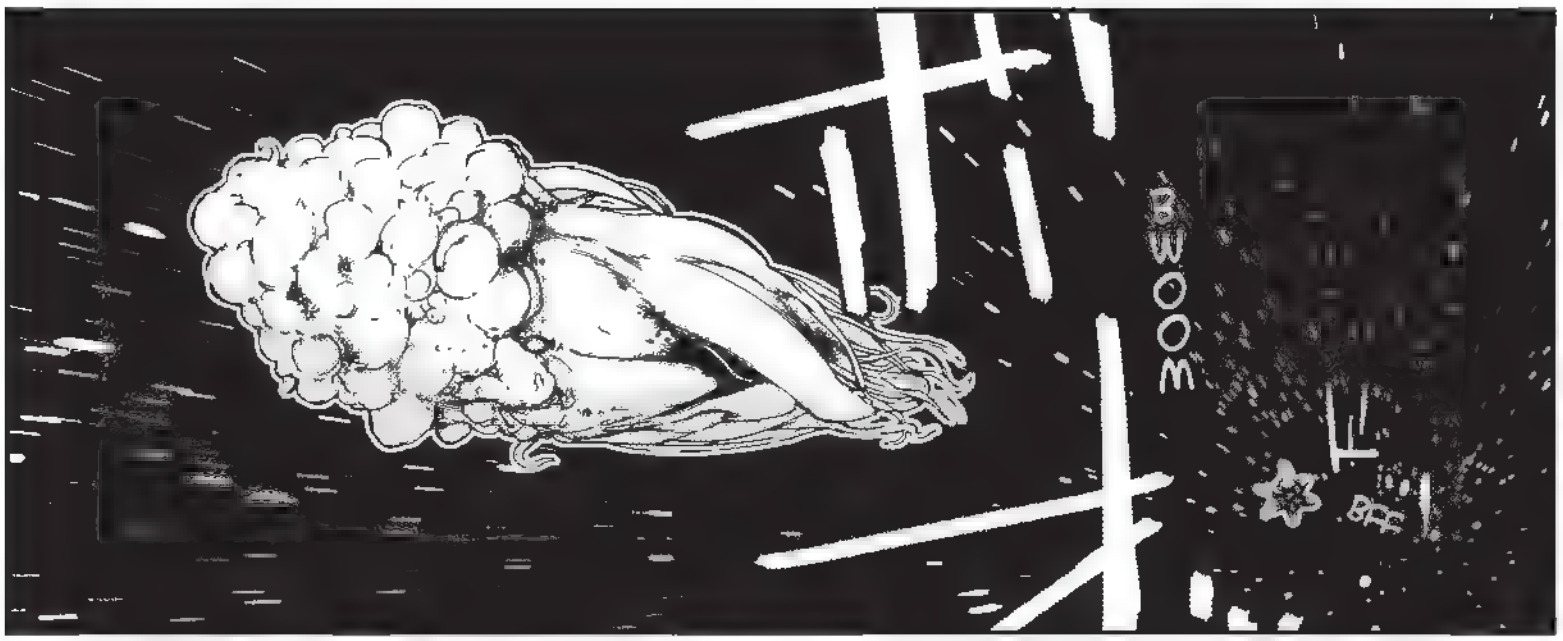
TSURUUCHI, TONAMI, MIGITA, NAKABAYASHI, TANIKAZE— SIX-KNIGHT CLASP ARRAY!!

IF THAT THING'S A WARHEAD, YOU WON'T ESCAPE ITS BLAST.

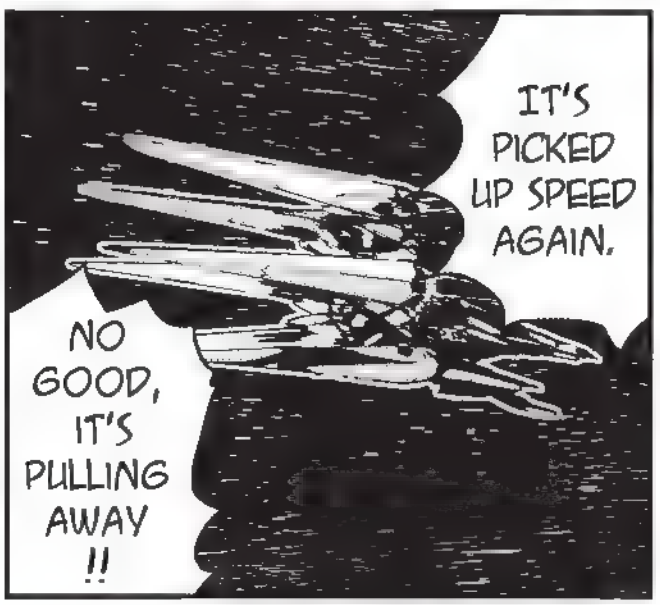
DON'T USE YOUR HIGGS PARTICLE CANNONS.

SAMARI SQD: 6 UNITS

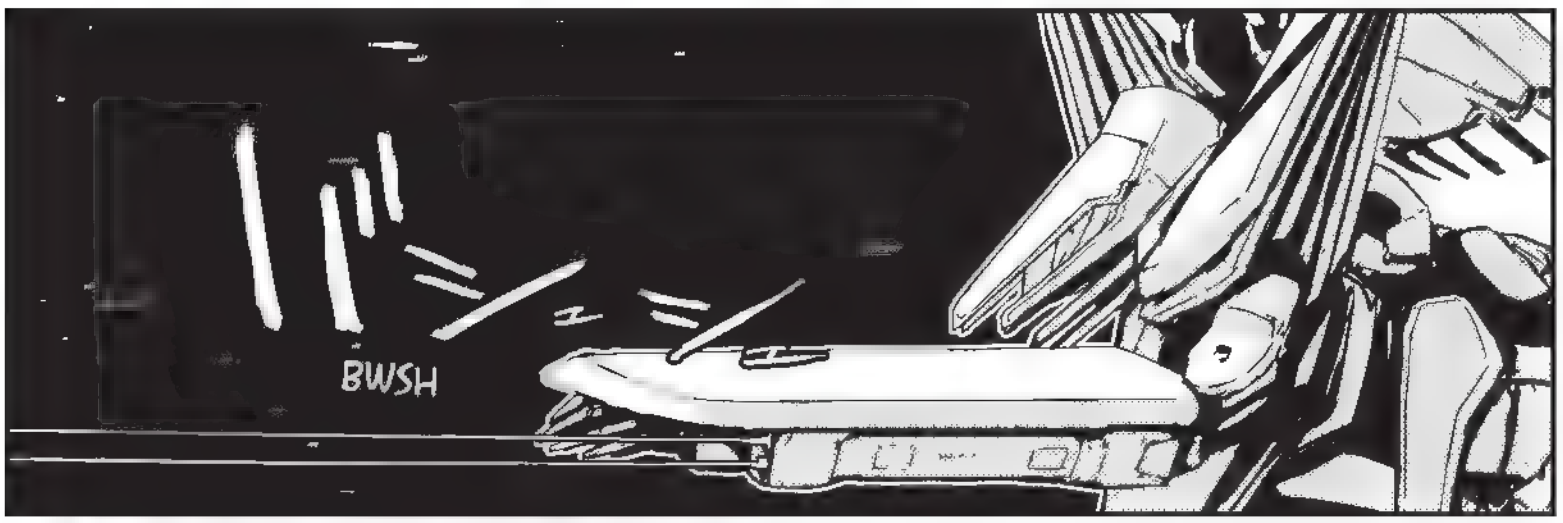
G 493


BWOOM
BRE

WHAT ?!
704 TANIKAZE UNIT, UNCLASPING !


IT'S PICKED UP SPEED AGAIN.
NO GOOD, IT'S PULLING AWAY !!

FWK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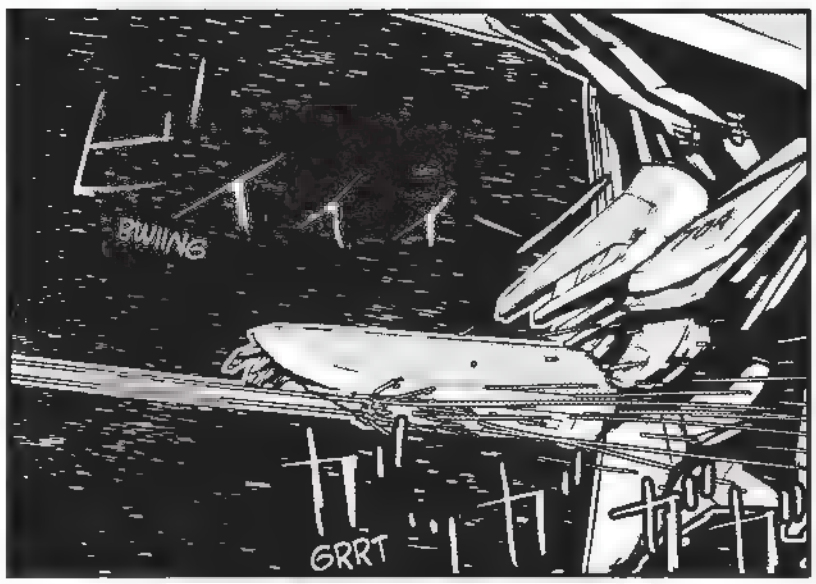
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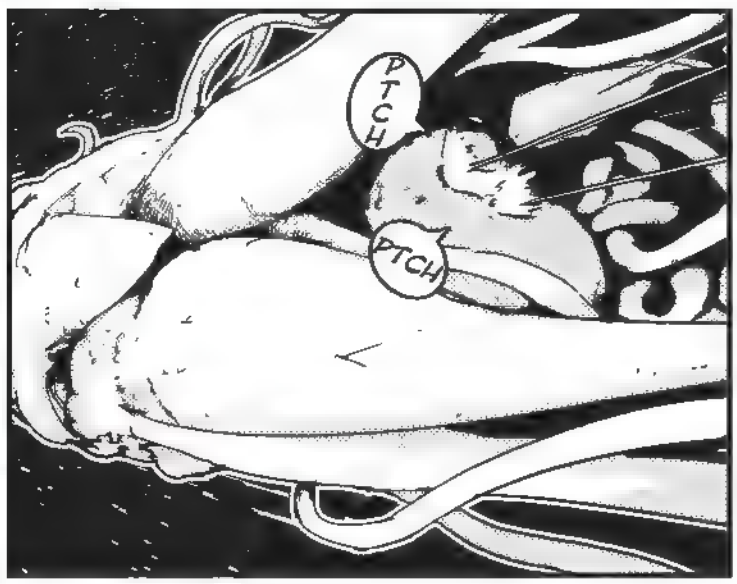
GRRT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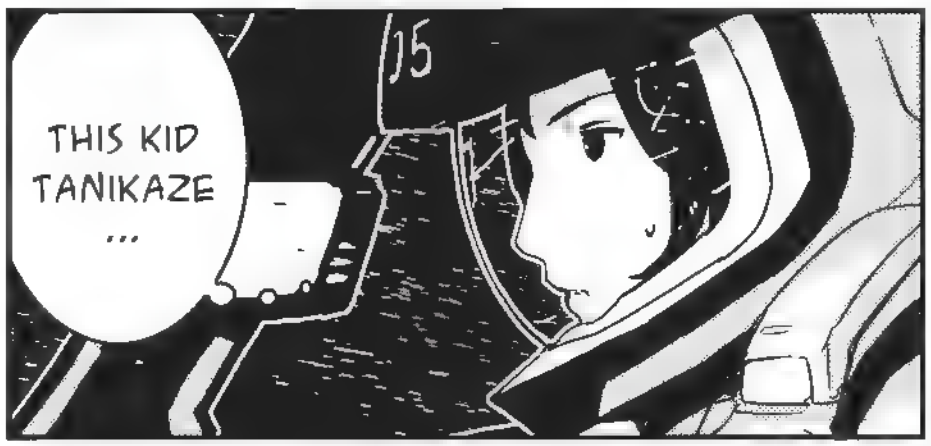
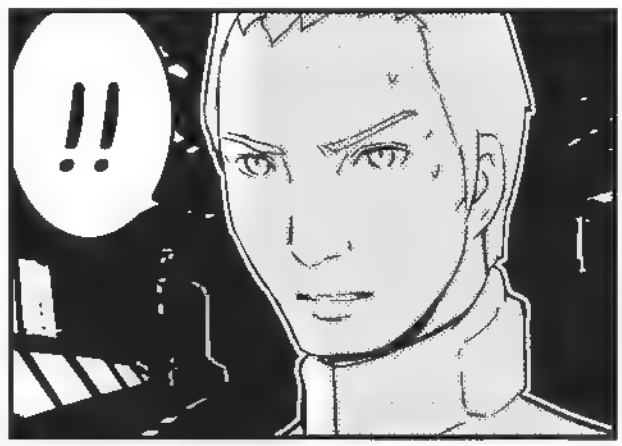

THIS KID TANIKAZE ...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BGGRK
GRRT

SNAPP

GWEEEM

TANIKAZE UNIT!! STRESS ON LEFT ARM FAR EXCEEDS MAXIMUM LOAD!!!

GRIK

SHIV

BSHHHT

BSHNK

BLÜPP

GWEEEM

GET AWAY !!!

ONE OUT !!

ROAR

KABOOOM

KRIK

ROAR

A WARHEAD IT IS... AND WHAT TONNAGE ...

A-AH, RIGHT ...

YES, I'LL TRY THAT!

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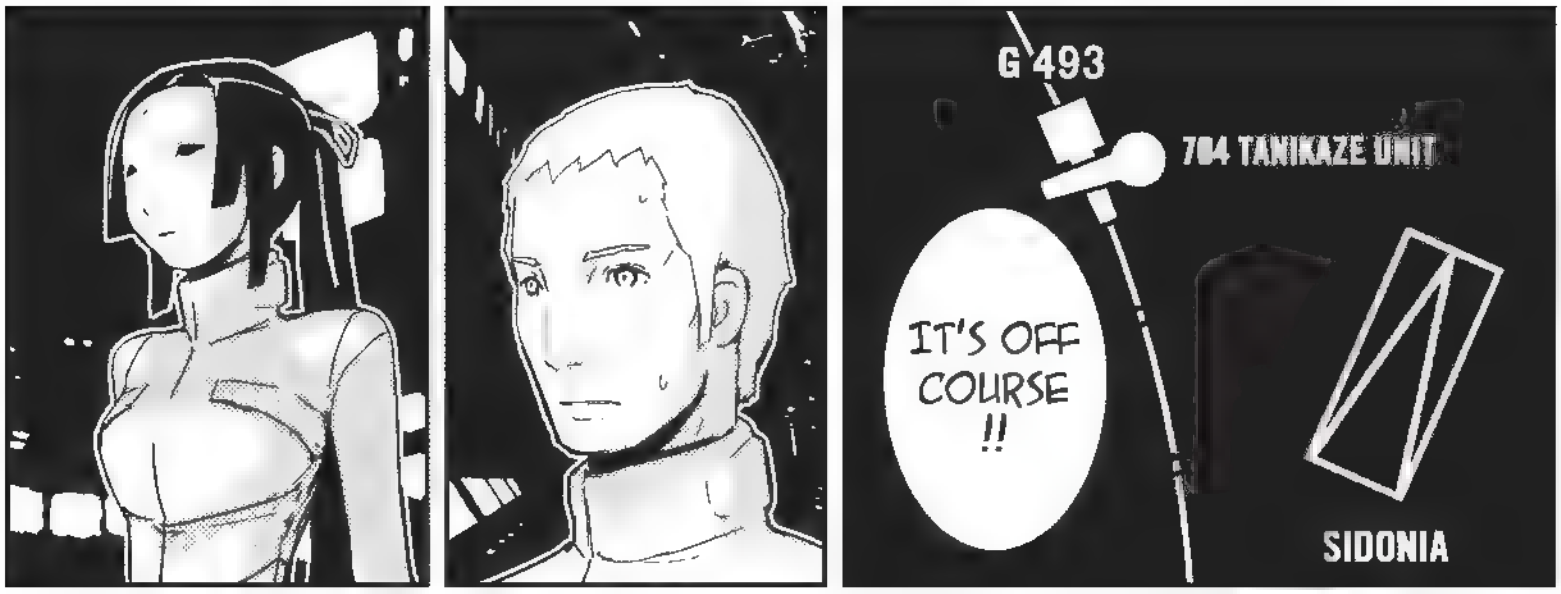
TANIKAZE, WE HAVE NO TIME!

MODIFY THE GAUNA'S COURSE !!

BWOOM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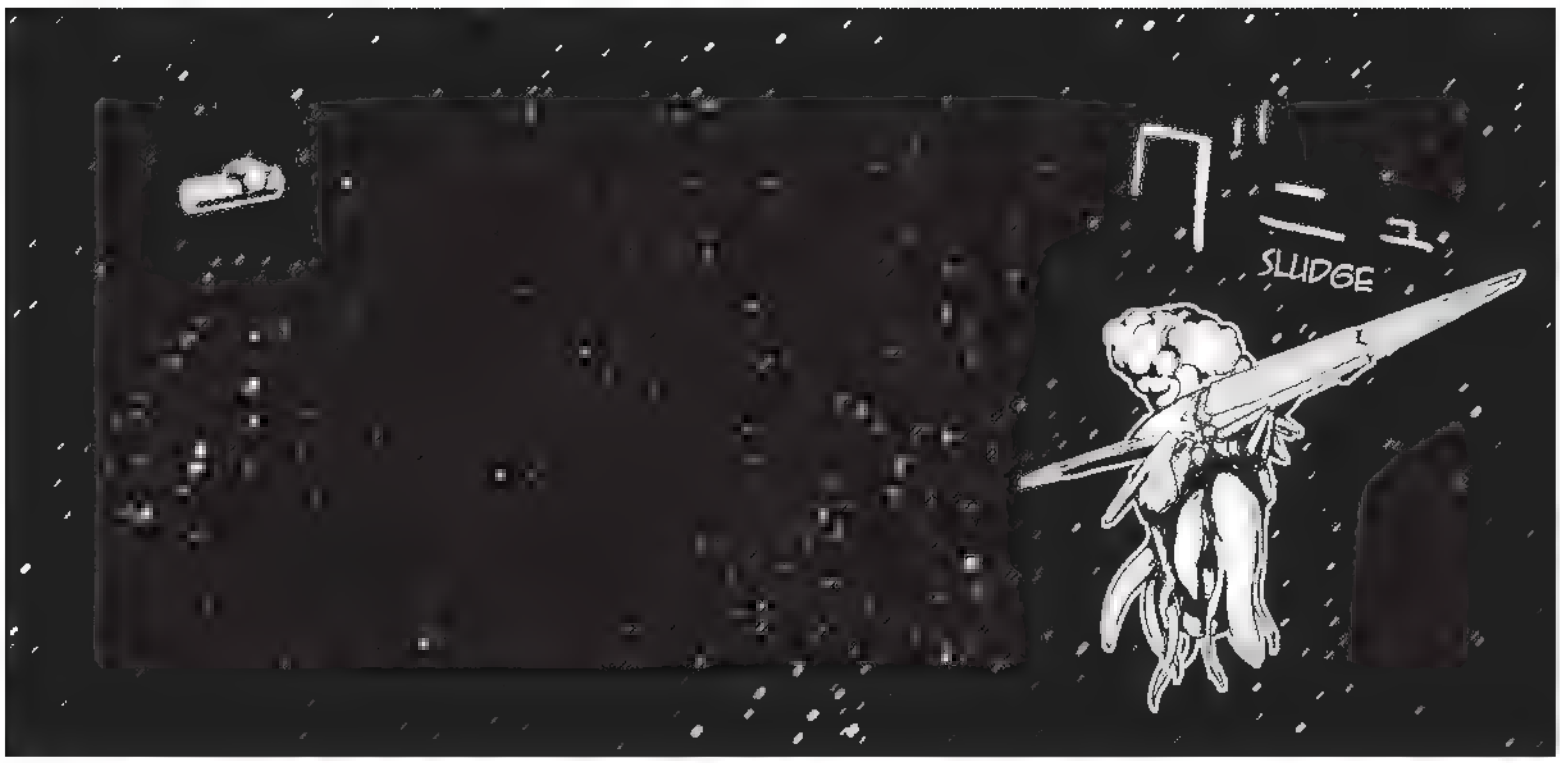
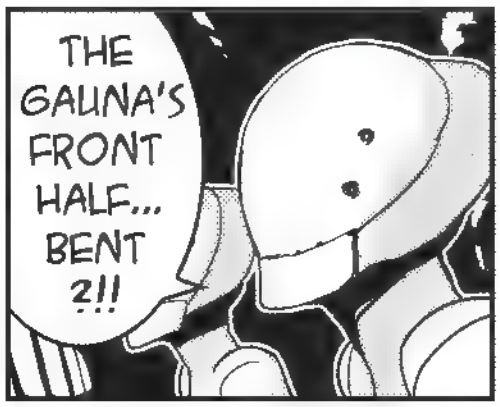
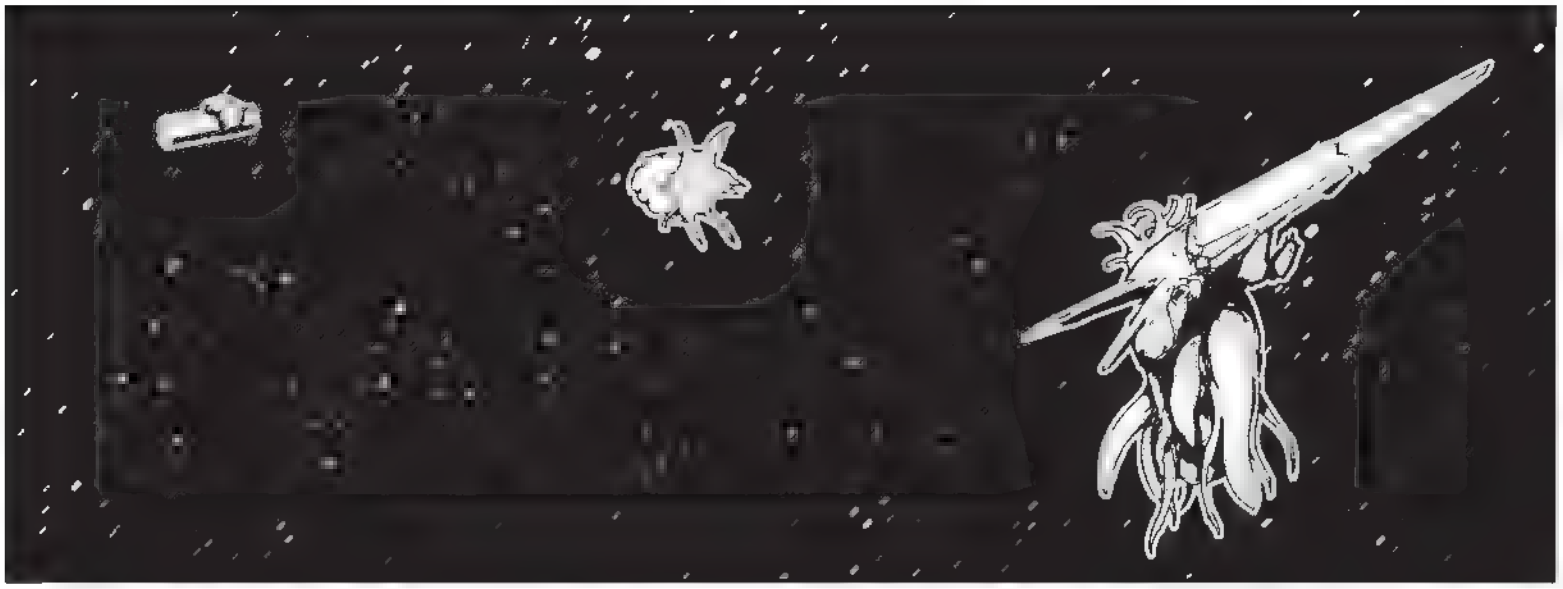
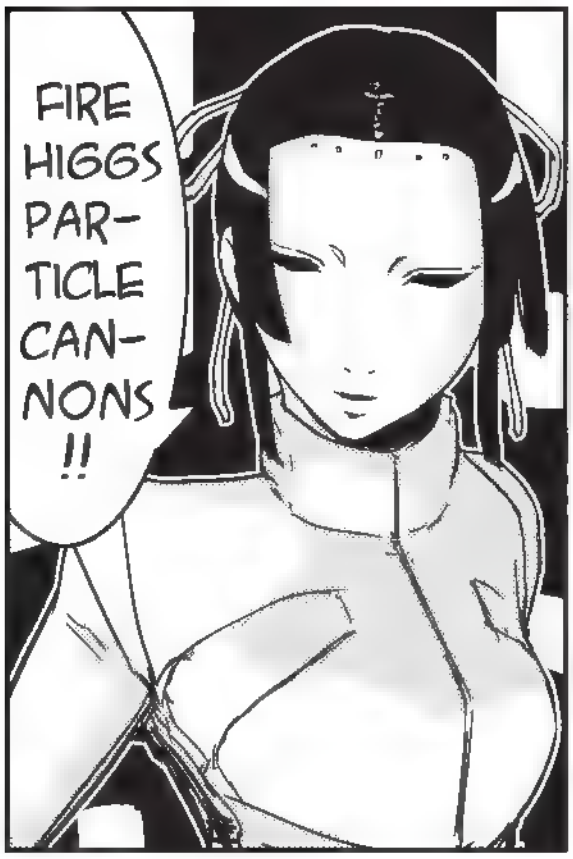
704 TANIKAZE UNIT
IT'S OFF COURSE !!
SIDONIA

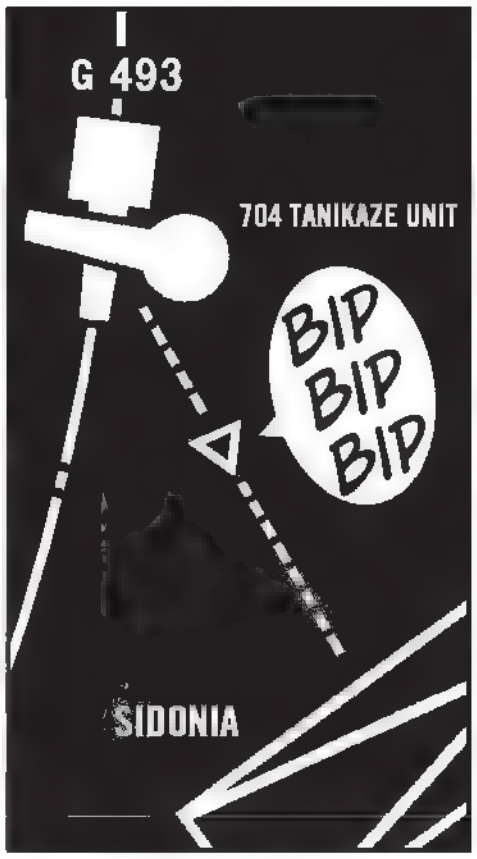

SLUDGE

BWCHH
?!!


THE GALINA'S FRONT HALF... BENT ?!!




FIRE HIGGS PAR-TICLE CAN-NONS !!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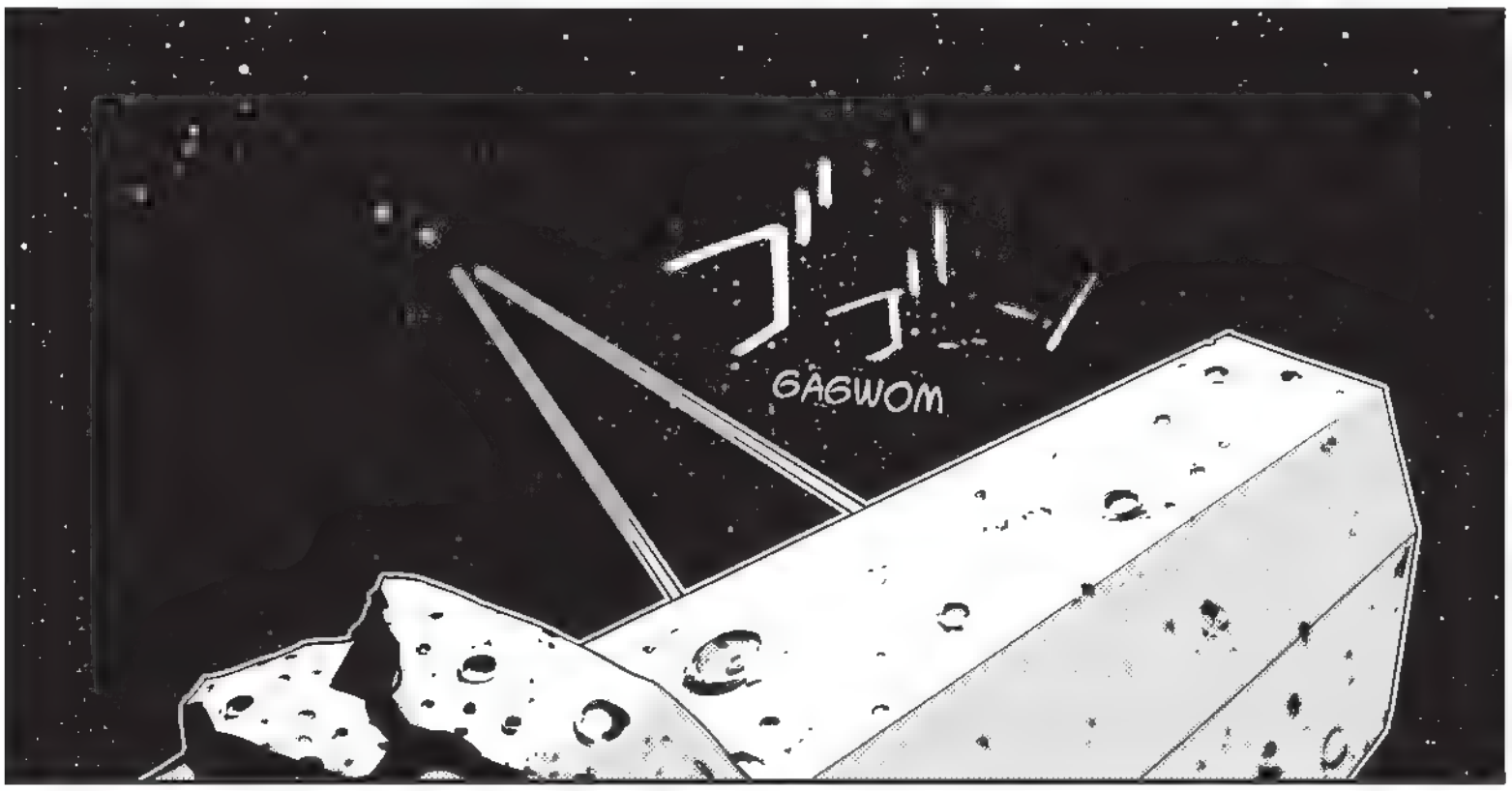
704 TANIKAZE UNIT
BIP BIP BIP
SIDONIA

005
IT'S FIRED A WARHEAD TOWARDS SIDONIA !!!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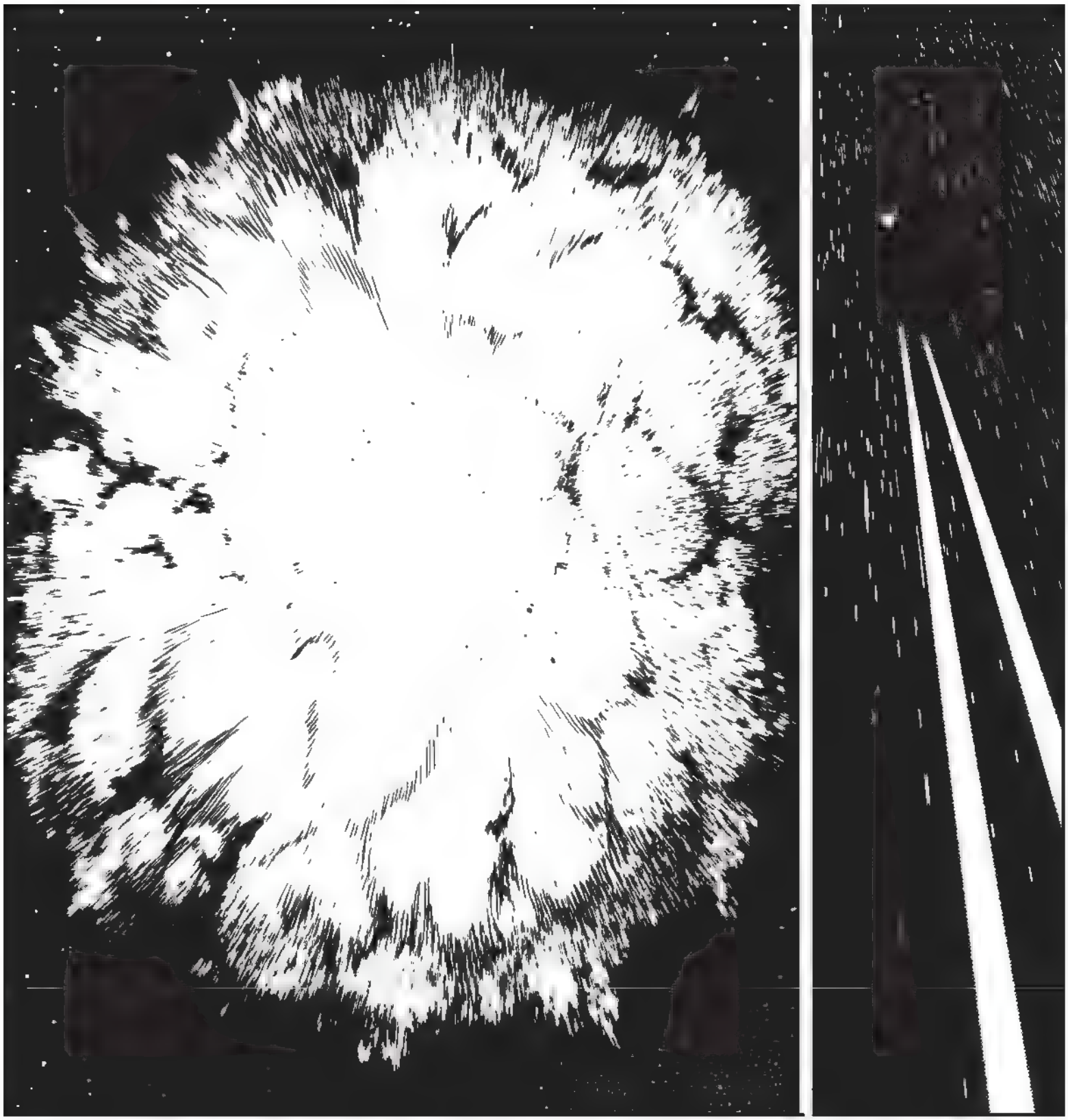
GAGWOM



SHIT,
TANI-
KAZE
...

BOOM
HRRZZZ

14
KAZE

GWOOM

BOOST

TANIKAZE!! COME IN!!

PKAK

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THE CORE IS OUT !!

ZUSHH

MS. SAMARI !!

WHAM

KWEEM

005

005

SPTCH

005

THWOOOM

OPERATION COMPLETE. ALL UNITS RETURN TO BASE!

GAUNA ELIMINATION CONFIRMED!

FORGIVE ME, SAMARI.

WHA ?!

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005

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YOU BASTARD! THAT WAS ONE HELL OF AN ASSIST YOU PULLED OFF!

THAT'S ENOUGH, SCUMBAGS! WHO THE HELL STARTED THAT RUMOR ANYWAY ?

WHAT, SO TANIKAZE'S BEEN ANGLING TO PHOTO-SYNTHESIZE WITH SAMARI TOO?!

TH-
THANKS.

YOU
MUST BE
HUNGRY.

GREAT
JOB
OUT
THERE.

GRRM

WEL-
COME
BACK.

YOU
COOKED UP
SOME FISH
FOR US,
GRANDMA
?

HMM,
SMELLS
GOOD.

WE'RE
HOME
!

GRANDMA
MUST BE
BACK.

HUH?
THE LIGHTS
ARE ON.

YUHATA?!! WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN MY HOUSE?!

WEL-COME HOME!

...

REALLY, MR. IZANA, YOU OUGHT TO LOCK UP PROPERLY.

I HOUSE-SAT FOR YOU AND MADE DINNER.

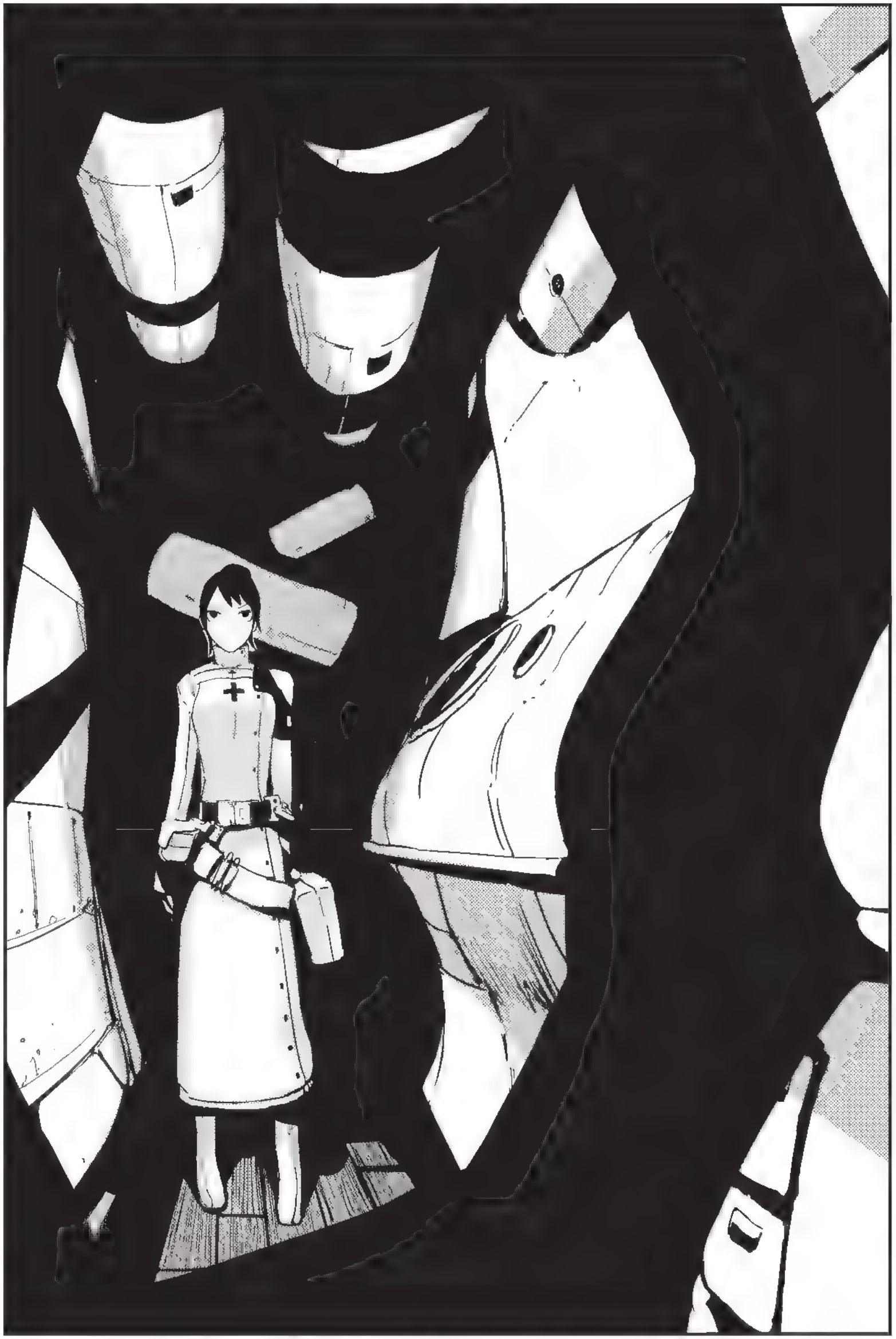
HUH ?!
HUP!
UM, YUHATA, ISN'T IT TIME YOU HEADED BACK TO YOUR INN?
THAT FISH WAS DELICIOUS !
EVEN THE OBLIVIOUS NAGATE MUST'VE NOTICED ...
OOPS, DID I SOUND TOO RUFFLED ?
Y-Y-YOU'RE SUCH A WEIRDO ...
WHA... WH-WH-WHAT?
I COULDN'T LEAVE YOU ALONE WITH HIM NOW, COULD I ?
NAAH ...
THAT FISH WAS TRULY AWESOME ...
AHH ...
BURP

Chapter 13: END

シドニアの騎士

KNIGHTS OF SIDONIA

Chapter 14: The Ship's Immortal Crew



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Pilot Dormitories Hidden Passage

I'M SORRY, LALAH, FOR MAKING A LADY CARRY SUCH HUGE GEAR.

YOU KNOW I HATE BEING CALLED BY MY FIRST NAME!

NEXT TIME YOU DO, I'LL YANK YOUR HEAD OFF!

HIGH CON
PRESSURE

YOU'RE SO ADORABLE, LALAH.

GFSSHH

GRAWW!

DON'T MAKE THAT FACE. IT'S JUST A RESEARCH MISSION. RESOURCE RETRIEVAL IS TOUGHER.

PLUS, IT'S A CHANCE FOR US TO CARVE OUR NAMES INTO HISTORY.

KOBA-YASHI ...

IF IT'S SOMETHING THAT THE GAUNAS BUILT...

AN UNKNOWN STRUCTURE WITH SIDES KILOMETERS LONG...

EVERYONE STAND BY IN YOUR GARDE.

TIME TO GET GOING.

NONE OF US HERE HAVE ACTUALLY EVEN SEEN A GAUNA YET.

THAT HASN'T BEEN PROVEN YET, HIROKI.

THEY HAVE NO CULTURE OR INTELLI-GENCE.

GAUNAS DIDN'T BUILD THAT THING.

THIS IS CONTROL DECK. THE SHIP WILL BE PRE-PARING FOR LANDING SOON.

EVERYONE OTHER THAN OCHIAI THE BODY MODIFICATIONIST GET YOUR HELMETS ON, ALL RIGHT?

LENSES MADE OUT OF WATER ARE SO OLD-FASHIONED.

TONK TONK

OCHIAI, YOU SURE DO SWITCH THEM OUT.

VWMM

VRRVN

VWVN

KWOO

KLAK

BZZT

2

GSHHK

GONK

SQUEAK

GONK

VWNNN

VMMM

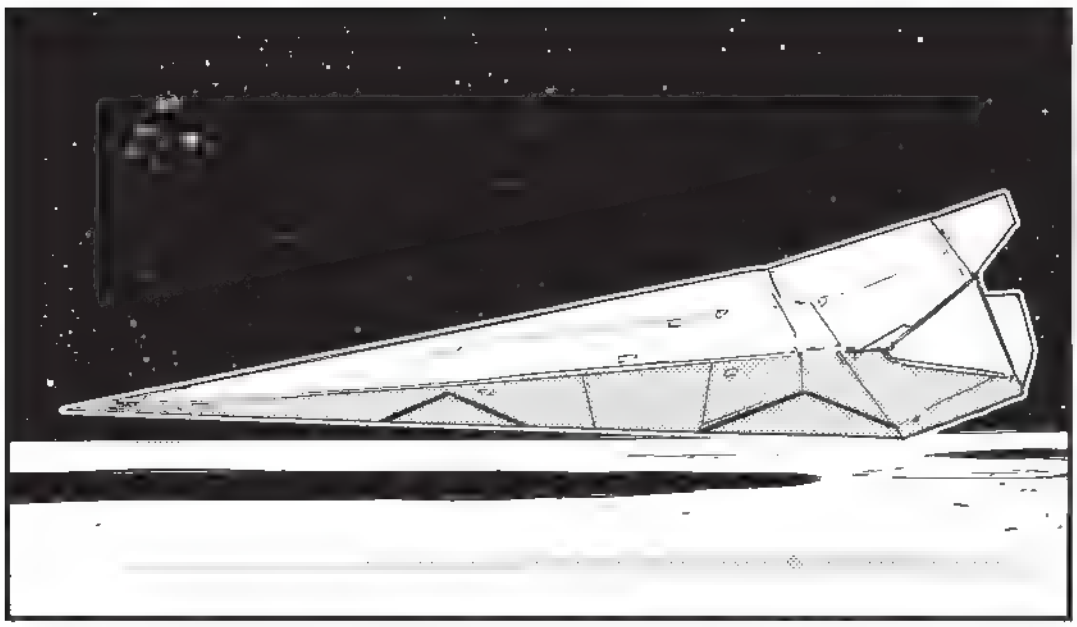
ZMM...

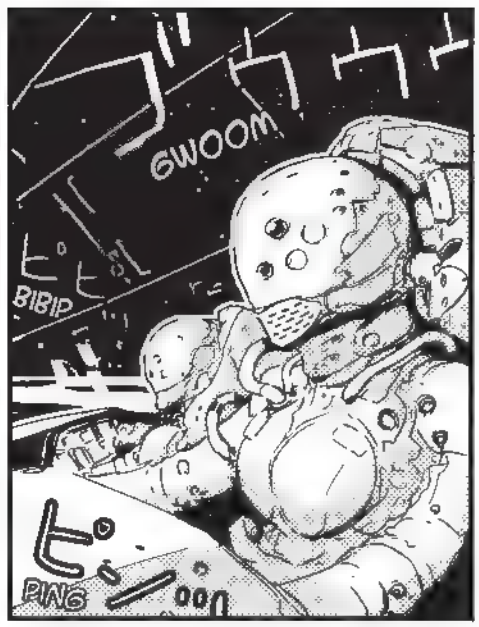
VREE

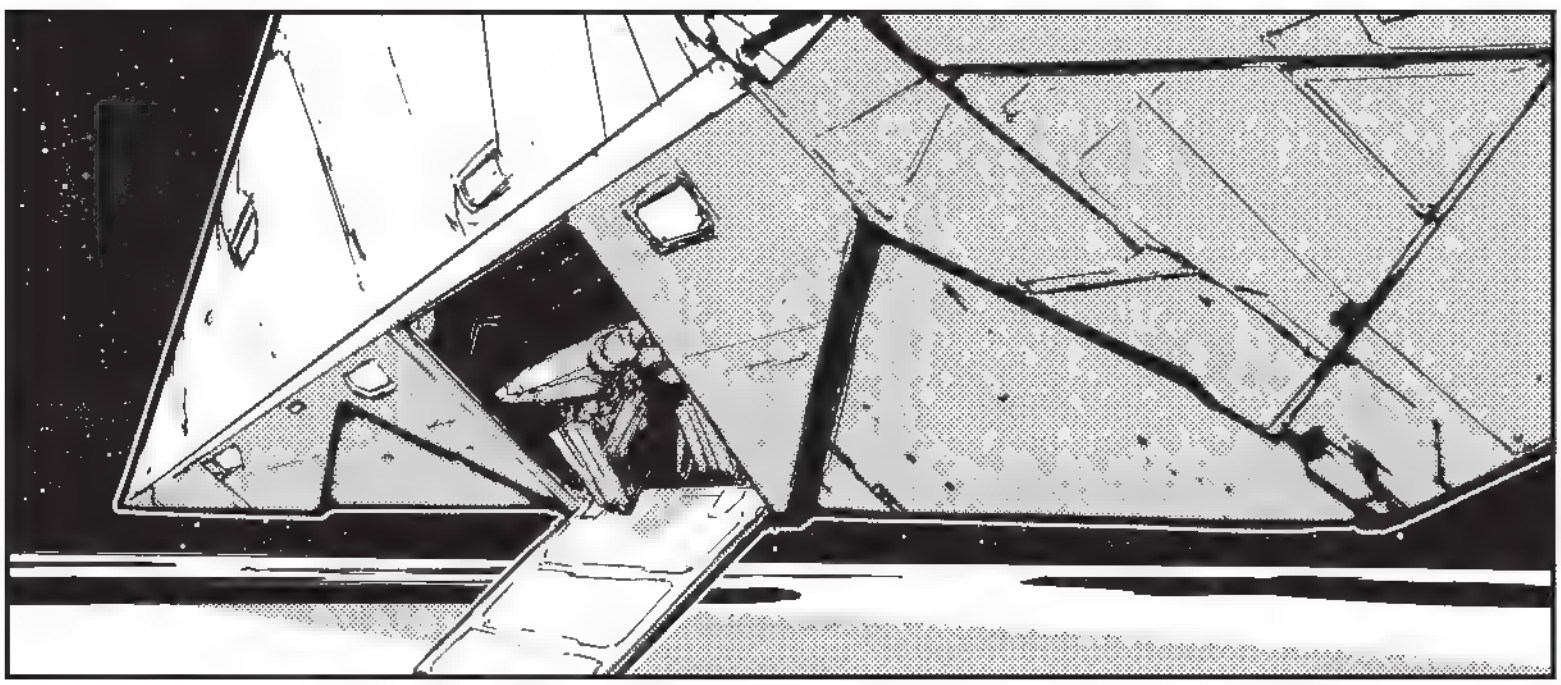
GSHHH

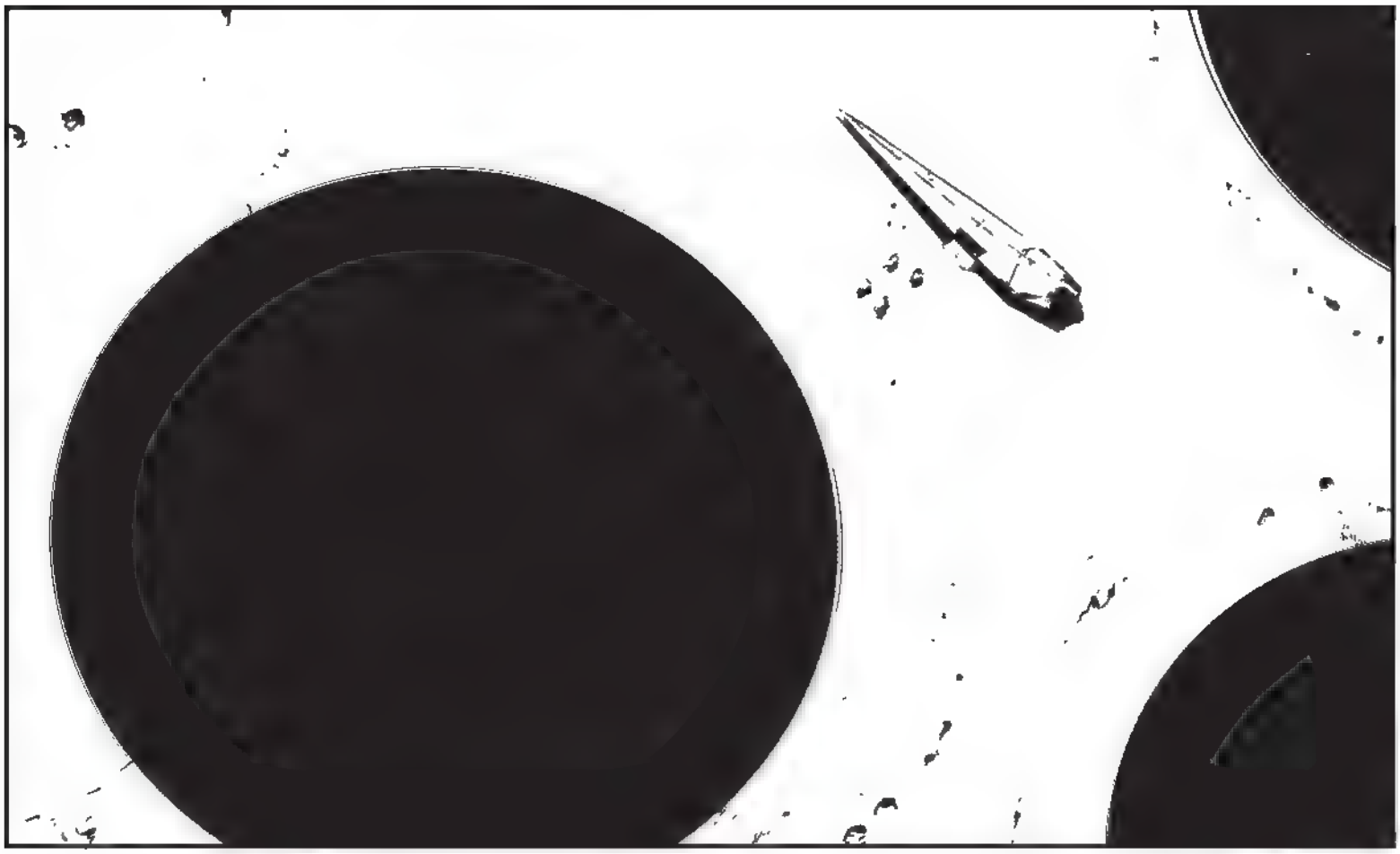
WOM

GRMM



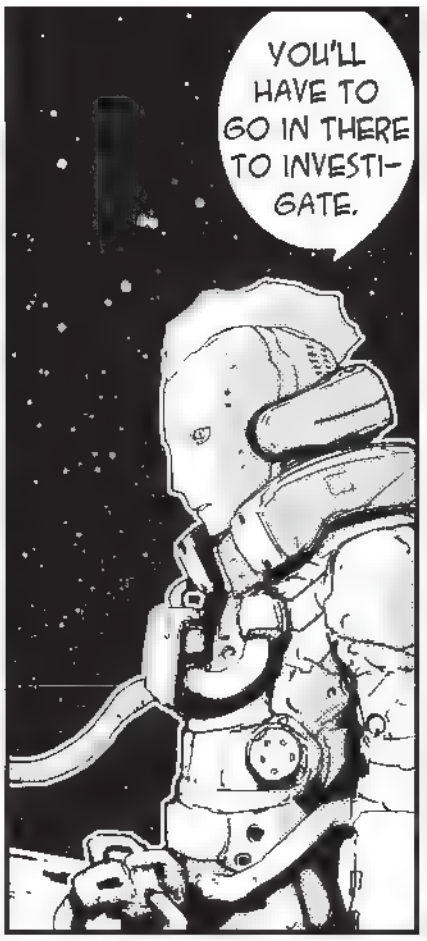

GWOOM
BIBIP
PING

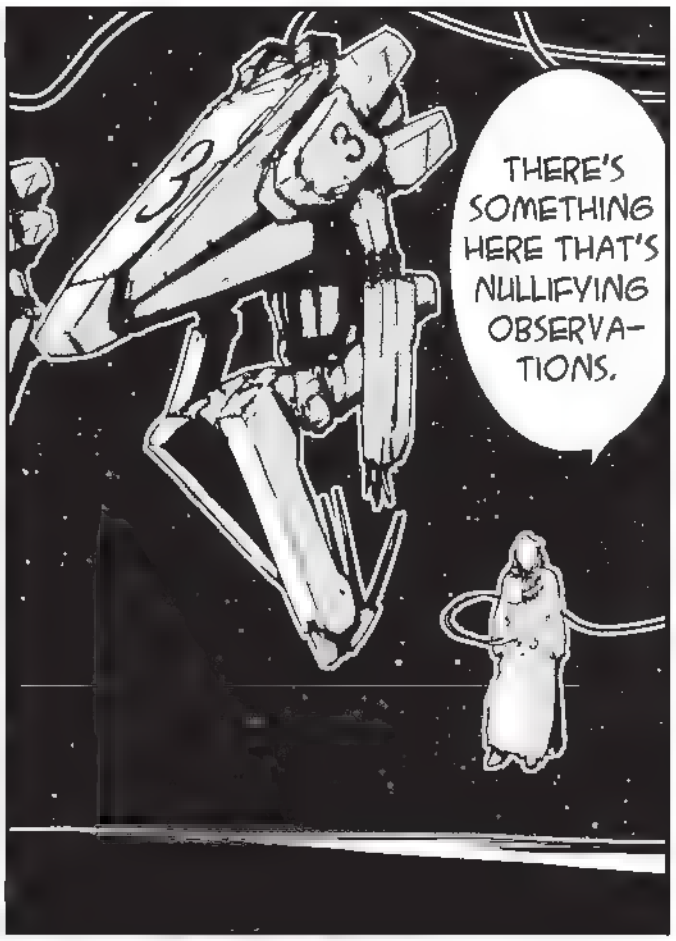




CAN'T SEE A THING.

THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE.
SURE.


YOU'LL HAVE TO GO IN THERE TO INVESTI-GATE.


THERE'S SOMETHING HERE THAT'S NULLIFYING OBSERVA-TIONS.

CAN YOU ALL HEAR ME?

1

2

3

4

THIS HOLE... WE CAN'T DETECT HIGGS PARTICLES IN HERE ...

VNN

2!

PING

SEEMS LIKE THE RADIOS WORK.

GRMM

YEAH.

I HEAR YOU.

ME TOO.

VWMM

PASSING THE 600 METER MARK. NOTHING MOVING HERE OTHER THAN US.

WE'LL KEEP ON HEADING TO THE CENTER.

INDEED... THIS PLACE ISN'T NORMAL ...

IT'S LIKE A CORAL REEF THAT'S BEEN GROWN TO A BLUEPRINT.

GWOOM

YEAH.

SO QUIET ...

VWAN

PING

HOW BEAUTI-FUL...

AT THE CREVICE, THE COLOR IS DIFFERENT FROM THE SURROUND-INGS.

BIP BIP

BUP BUP

LOOK DOWN.

VWN

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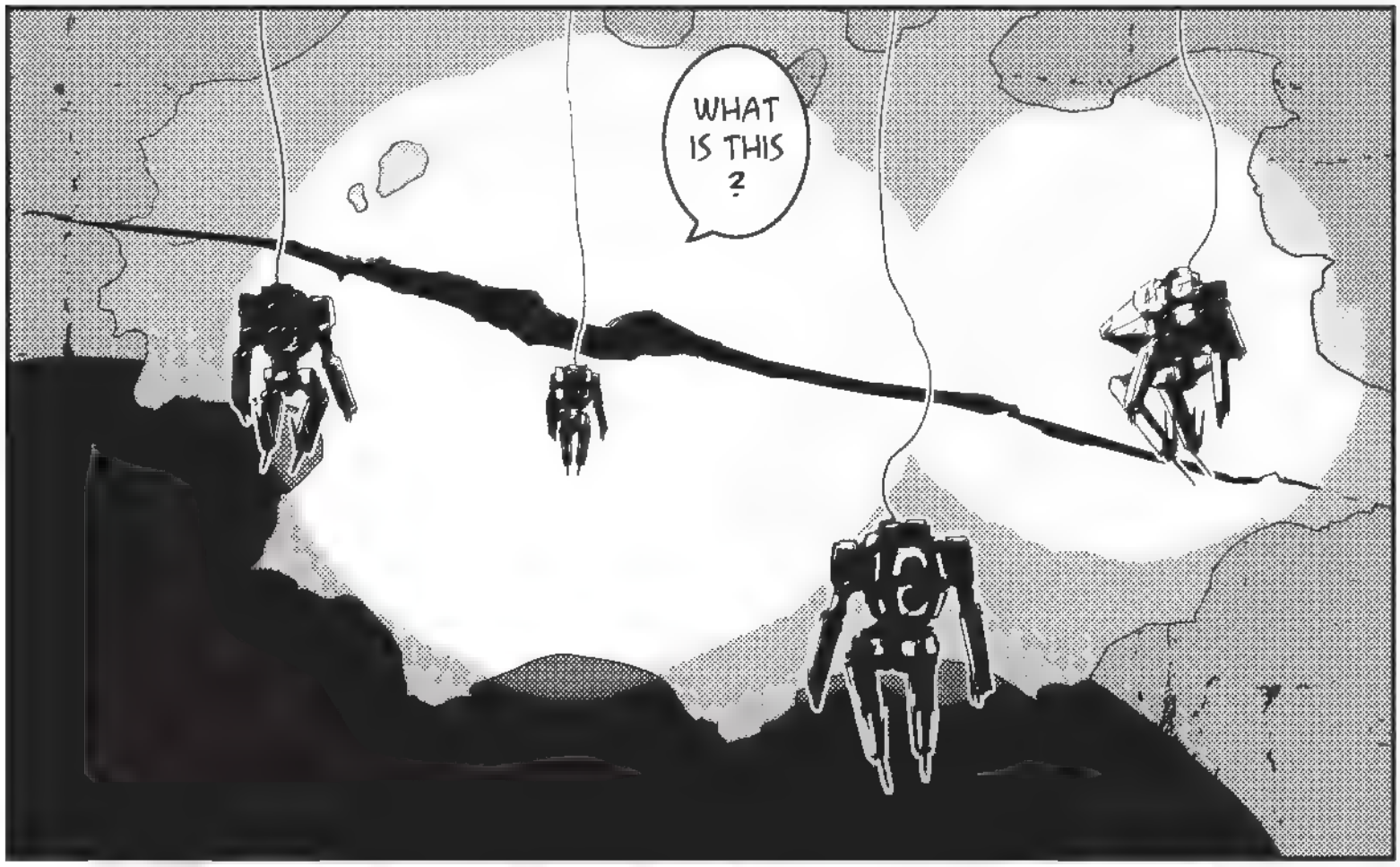
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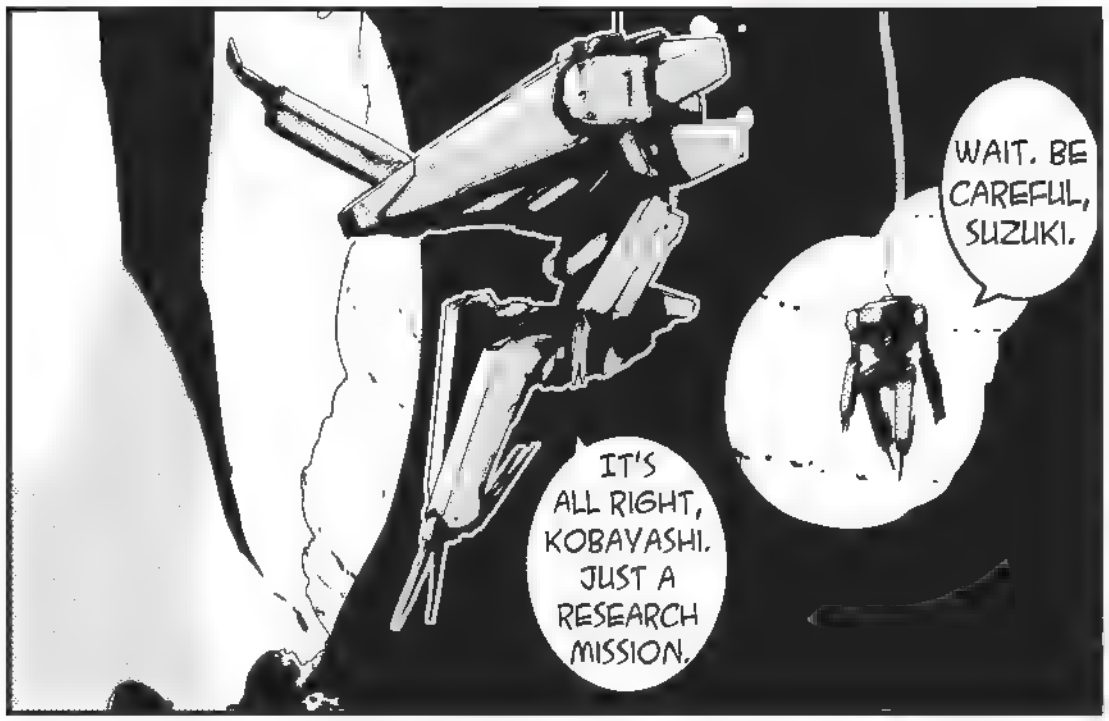
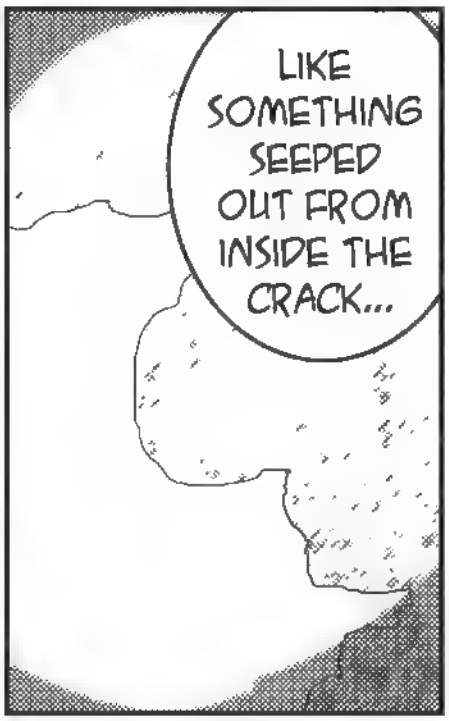

WAIT. BE CAREFUL, SUZUKI.
IT'S ALL RIGHT, KOBAYASHI. JUST A RESEARCH MISSION.


LIKE SOMETHING SEEPED OUT FROM INSIDE THE CRACK...

2!

...

THE STAIN SEEMS TO CONTINUE DEEP INTO THE CRACK ...

AN EGG-SHAPED OBJECT, ABOUT FIVE METERS IN DIAMETER...

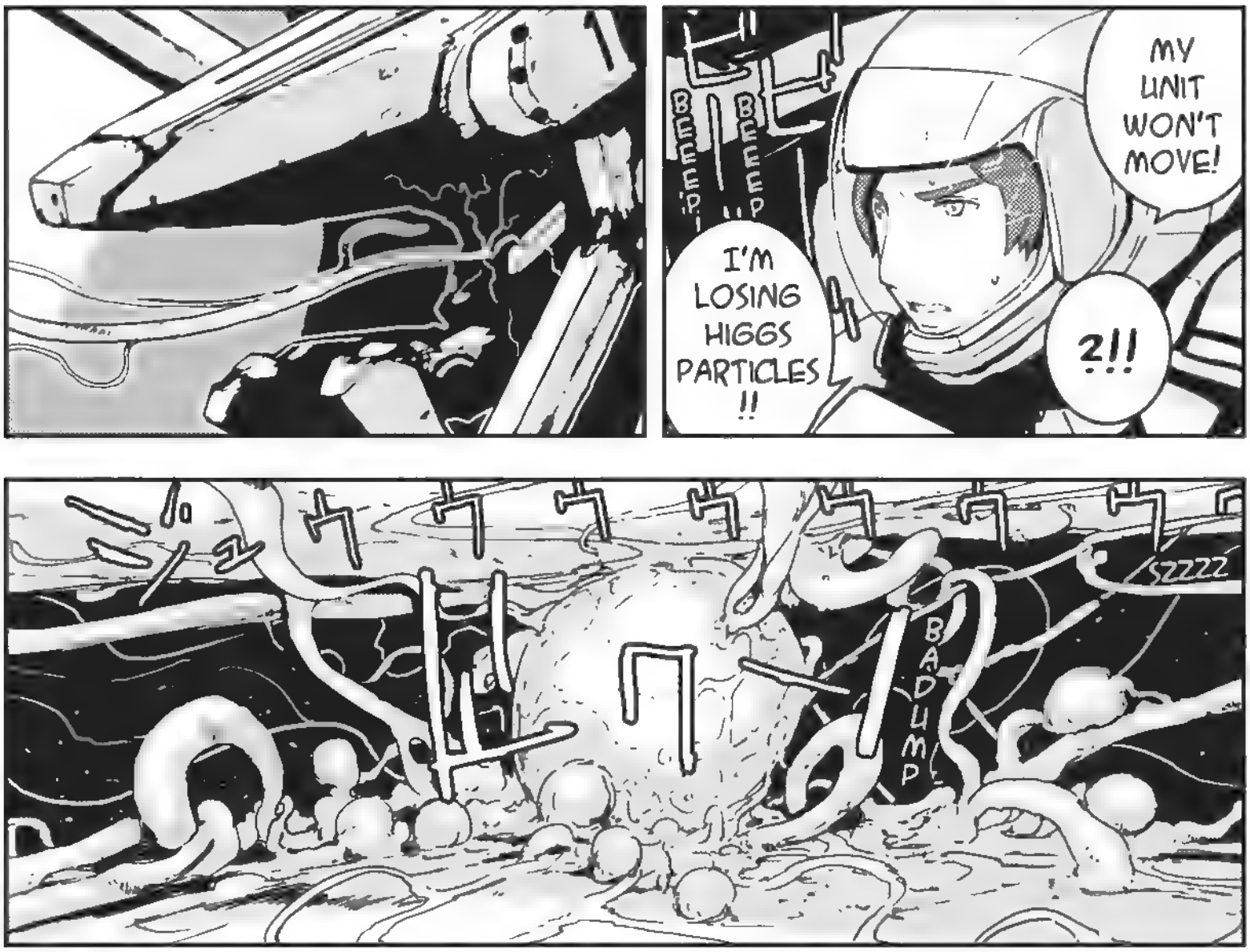
THERE'S SOMETHING IN THERE ...

WHAT'S WRONG, SUZUKI?

...

!!

WHAT ?!


BEEP BEEP
I'M LOSING HIGGS PARTICLES !!
MY UNIT WON'T MOVE!
?!!
SZZZZ
BADUMP
!!!
SPRRCH

BOFF

SUZUKI !

SUZUKI'S INSIDE IT?!

GPLOP

KRCH

GRIK

BKRAK

CREAK CREAK

CHSSK

SUZUKI !!

BRRT

BOOOM

...

SO THIS... IS THE GAUNA...

GOOD GOD ...

WH- WHAT THE?!! SUZUKI'S FACE ?!

GA- GAUNA!! GAUNA ON SITE !!

SUZUKI'S BEEN EATEN !!

KOBAYASHI, GET AWAY !!!

BLUP

QUIVER

SWELL

MLLRRP

2

!!

WUP

3

SPITCH

WOW

...

TEAR, DAMN IT!!!
DRRR66

GWOOM
3

DOOM
BOMF
SAITO !!
EJECT
3

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, SAITO?

YEAH! FORGET ME, GO HELP KOBAYASHI !!

GET THE PLACENTA OFF AND THE GAUNA OUGHT TO ENTER STASIS AGAIN !!

WE MUST NOT EXPOSE THE SIDONIA TO DANGER! DON'T LET THAT GAUNA OUT OF THERE!

HIGGS PARTICLES ARE SHUT OUT IN THERE!

GARDE TEAM, DO YOU READ ?!

SAY WHAT ?!

THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I'M TRYING HERE!!

OF COURSE !!

KOBA-YASHI, COME BACK!!

RIDICULOUS!! PEEL A 500-TON PLACENTA WITH TWO UNITS?!

ZLSH

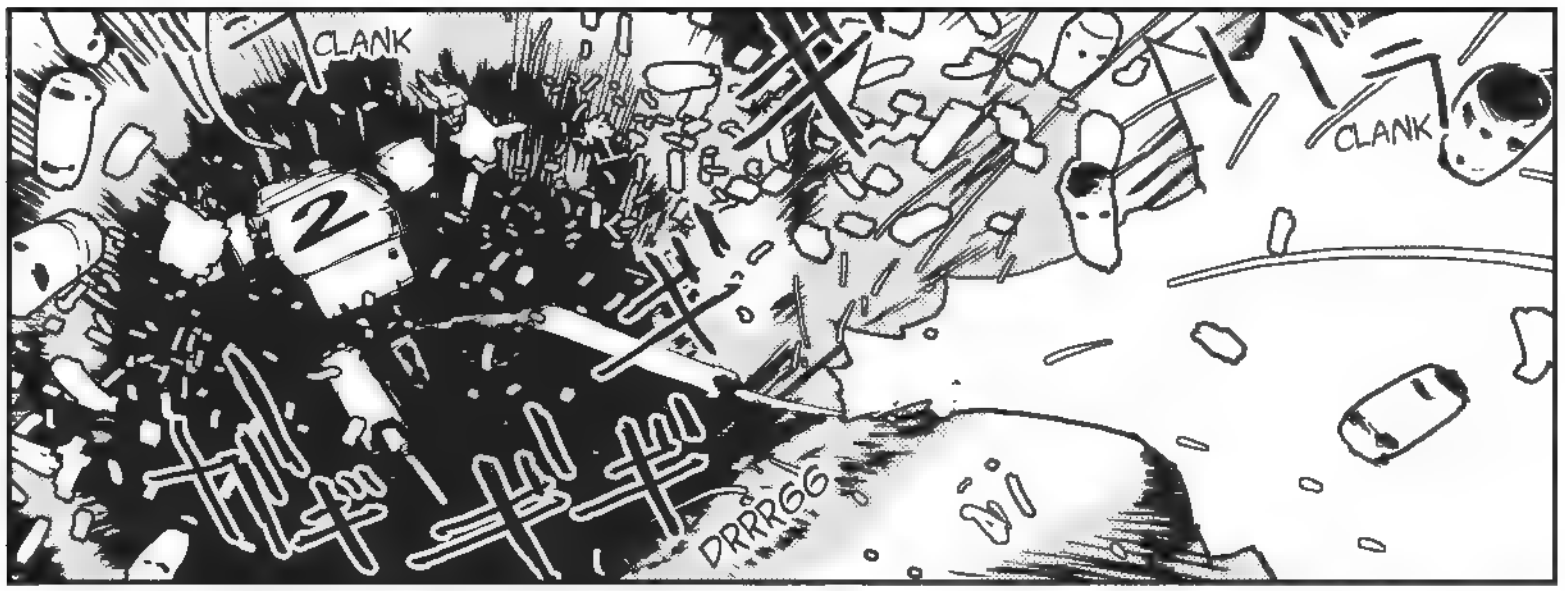
ZLDO

FWUP

THWUP

KOBA-YASHI !!

KOOM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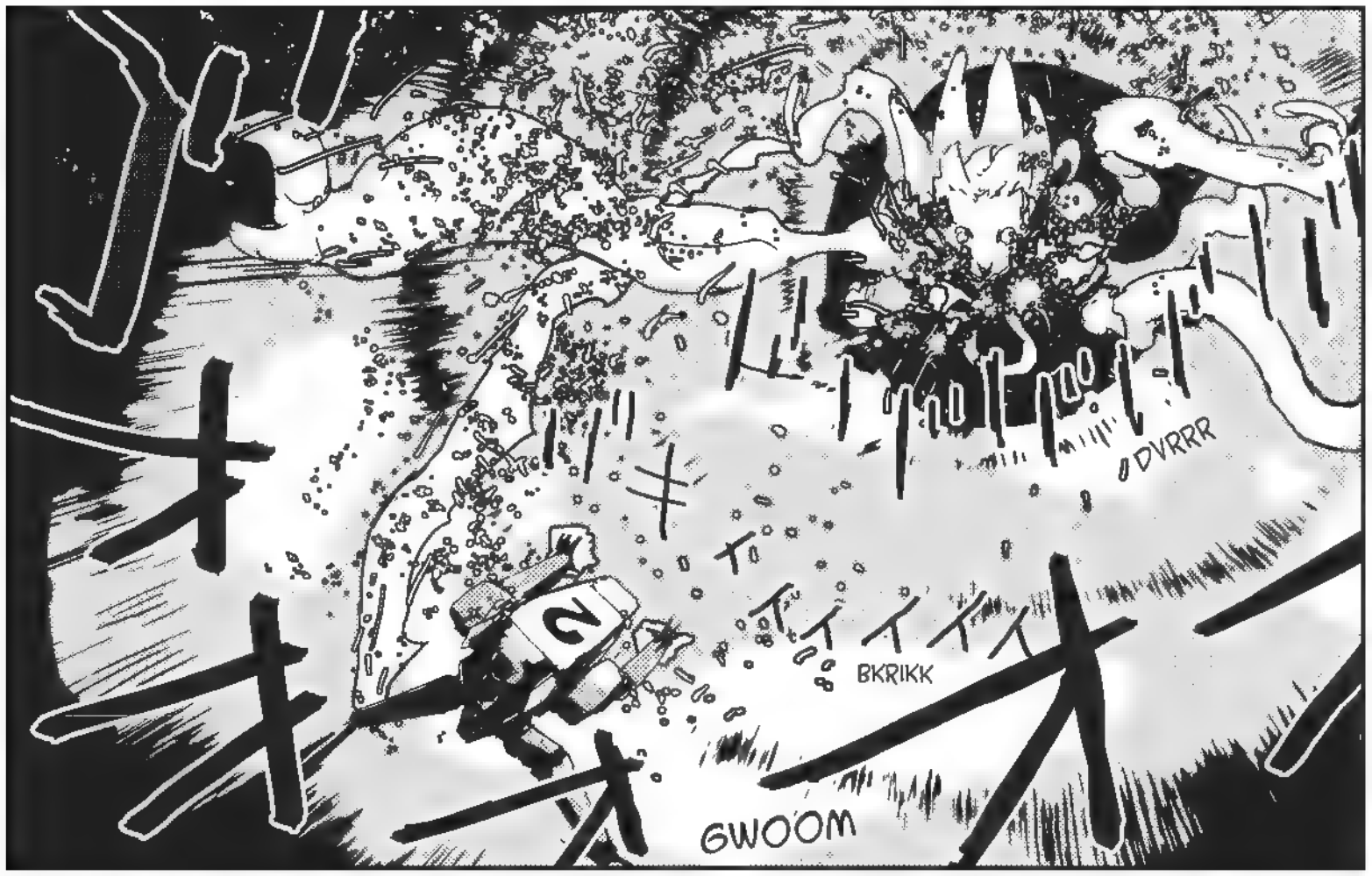
DRRRGG
CLANK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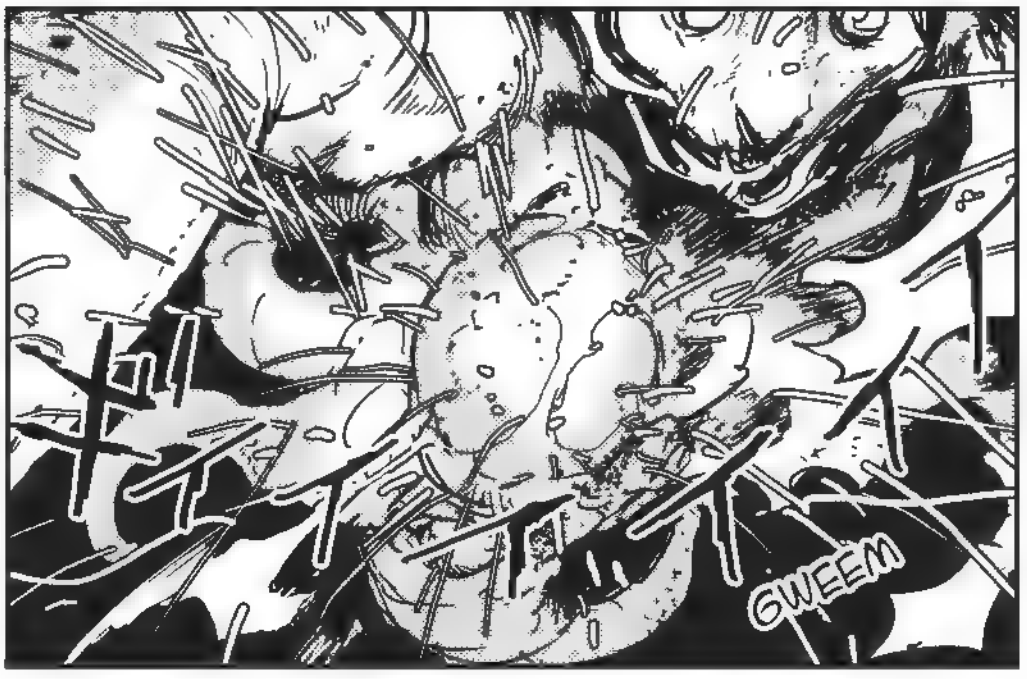
BKRIKK
GWOOM

WE CAN'T EVEN SCRATCH THE CORE.
JUST LIKE THE LESSONS ...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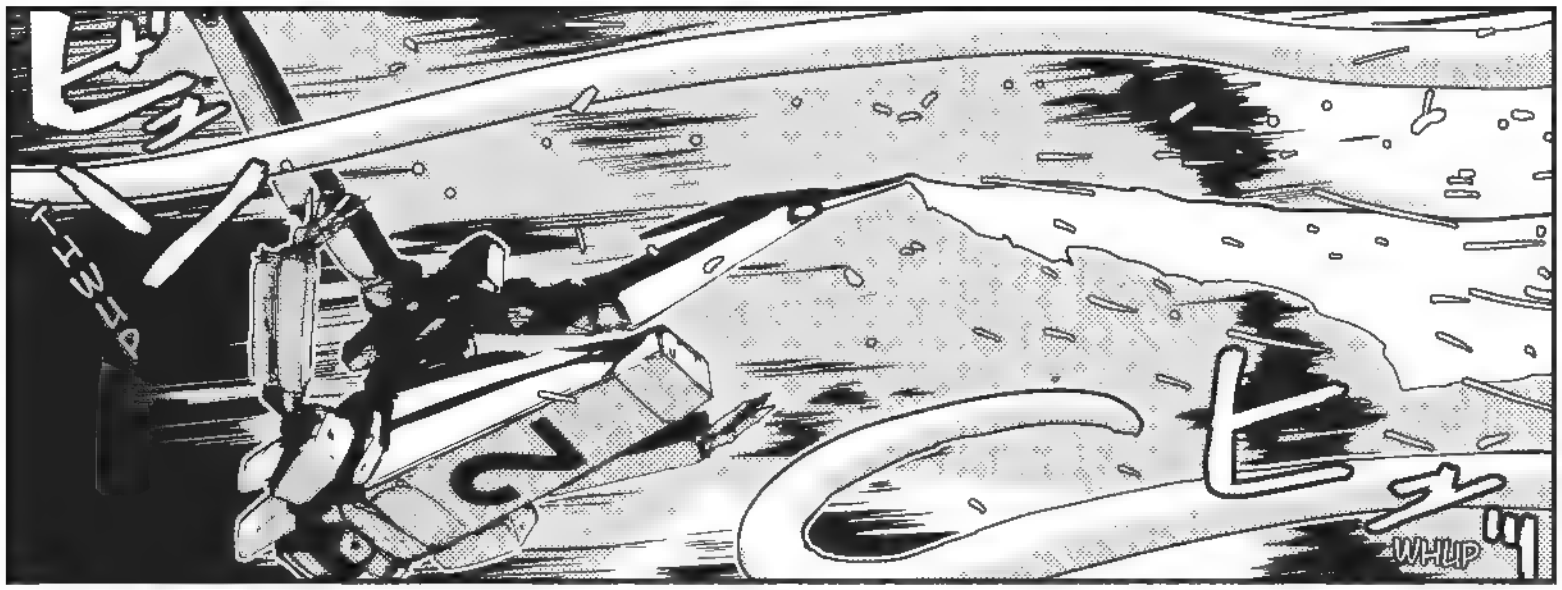
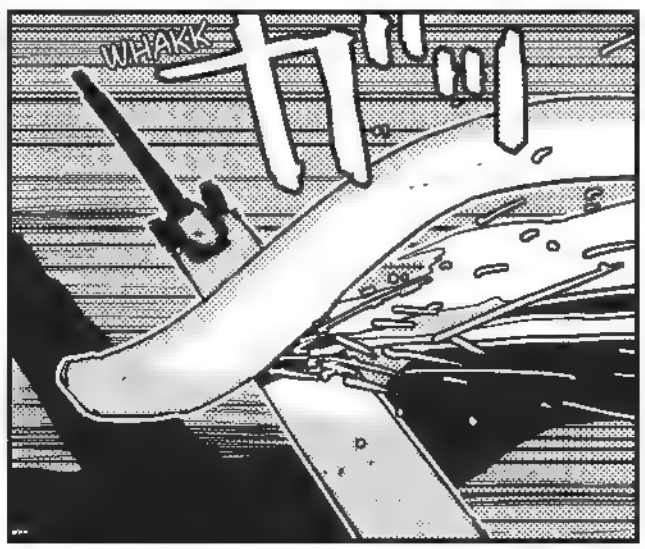

WHUP

HRK
!
VUMM
CLINK


WHAKK

GONK
GONK
FWUPP

4

EAT THIS!!

KWEE

HIGGS PARTICLE ACCELERATOR DEVICE PROTOTYPE

BAGAM

GLARE

2

4

BOM

GONK

SNIPP

GRLINK

BASH

VRRR

GOKI

LALAH !!

AAAHH !!

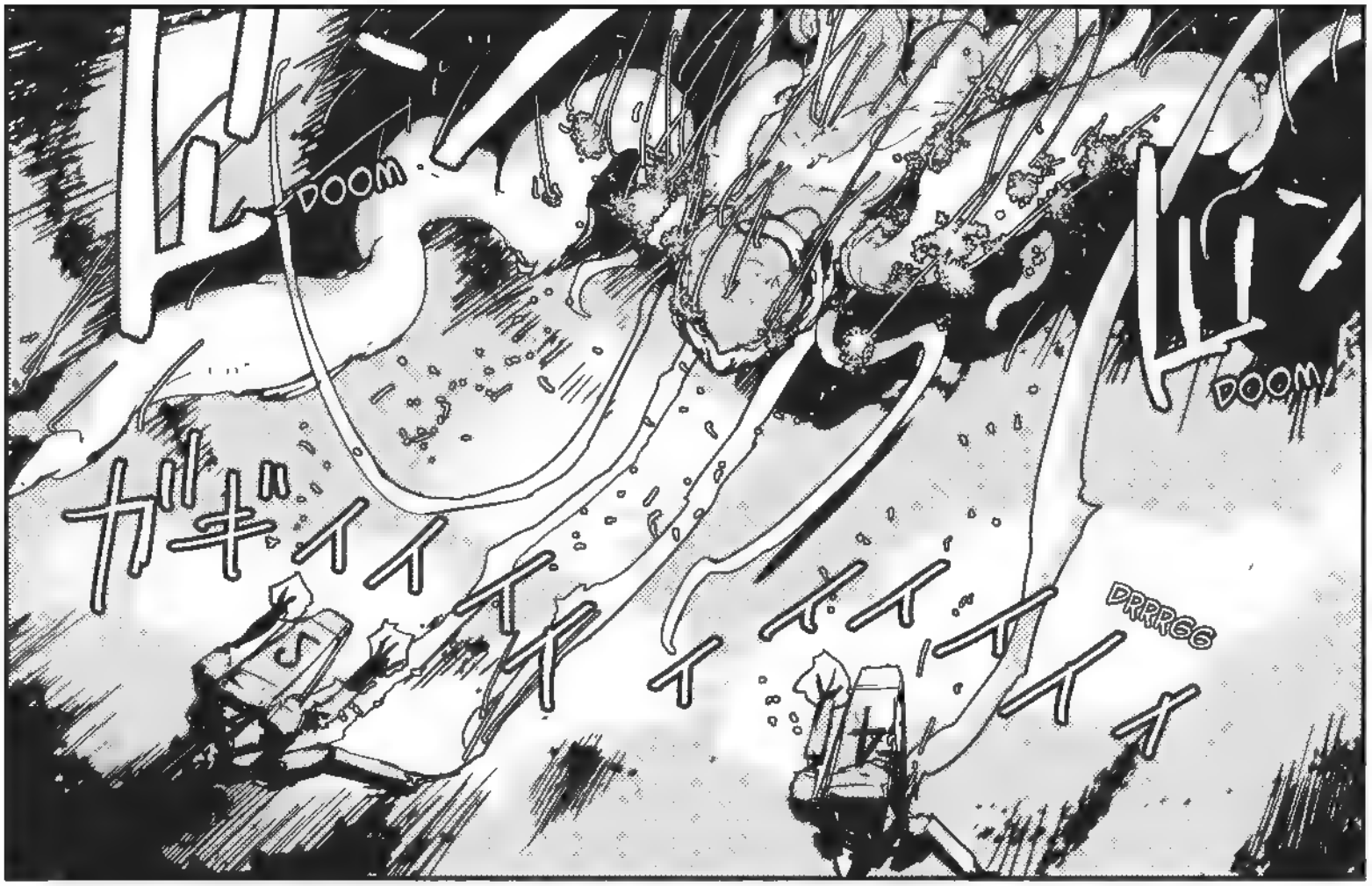
OF COURSE, EVEN THE HEAVY MASS CANNONS WON'T DO THE JOB,

BUT AT THIS RATE WE'LL ALL BE DEAD!

TRANSMISSION FROM SIDONIA, OCHIAI. THEY SAY THEY'RE READY TO FIRE THE SHIP'S CANNONS!

OCHIAI, ORDER A RETREAT !!

WE CAN'T DO THIS !!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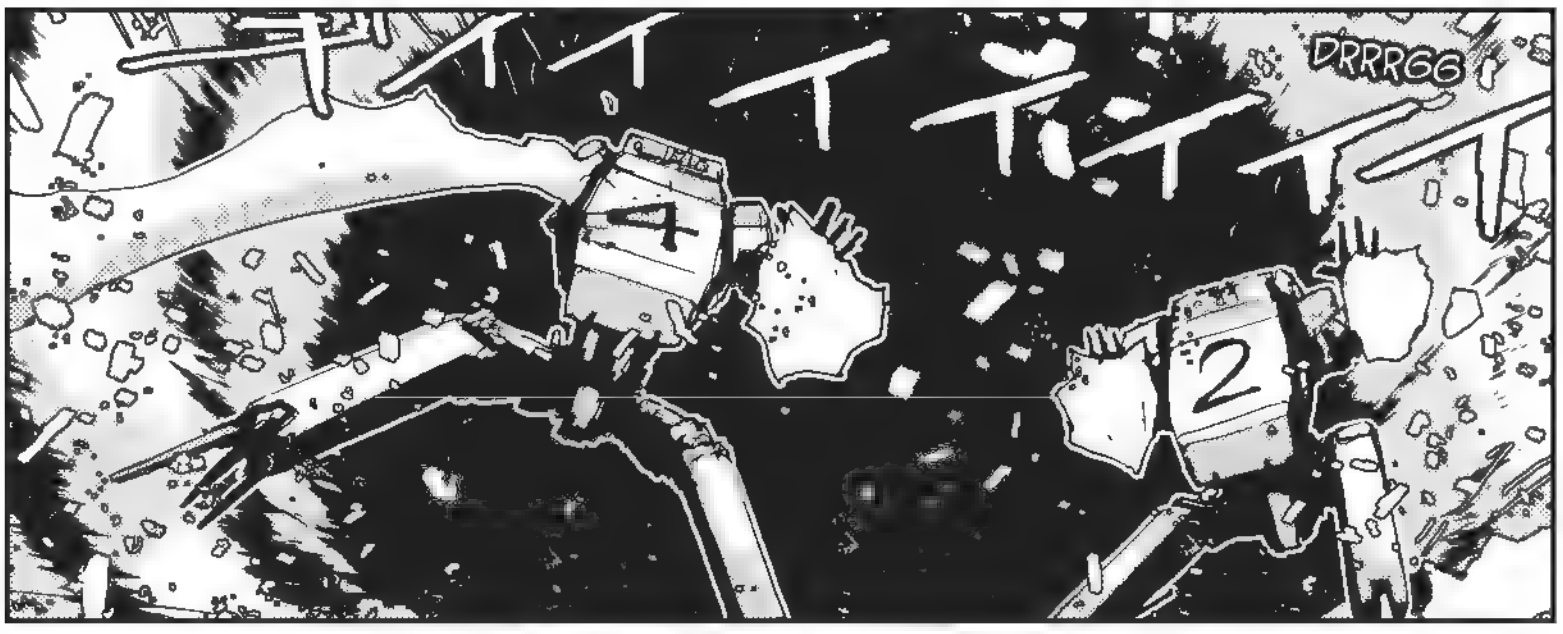
DOOM
DRRRG6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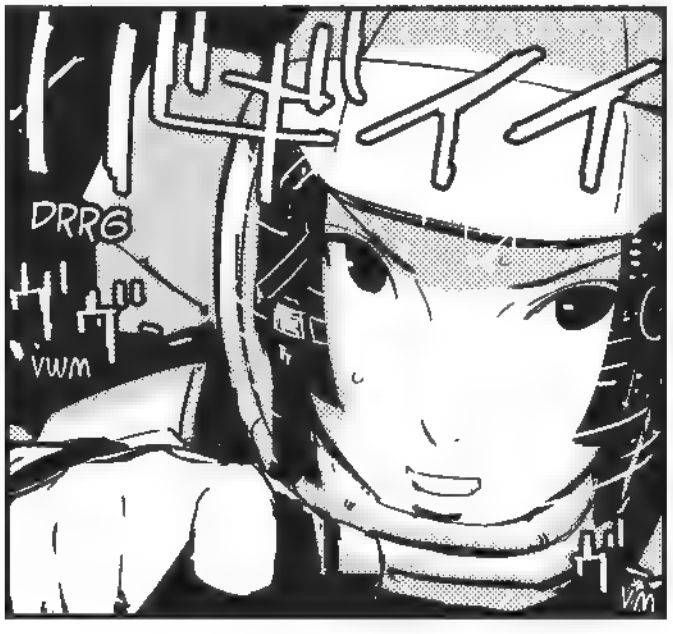

DRRG
vwm
vm

GWOO

THAT'S THE CENTER !!

THERE'S LIGHT DOWN BELOW !!

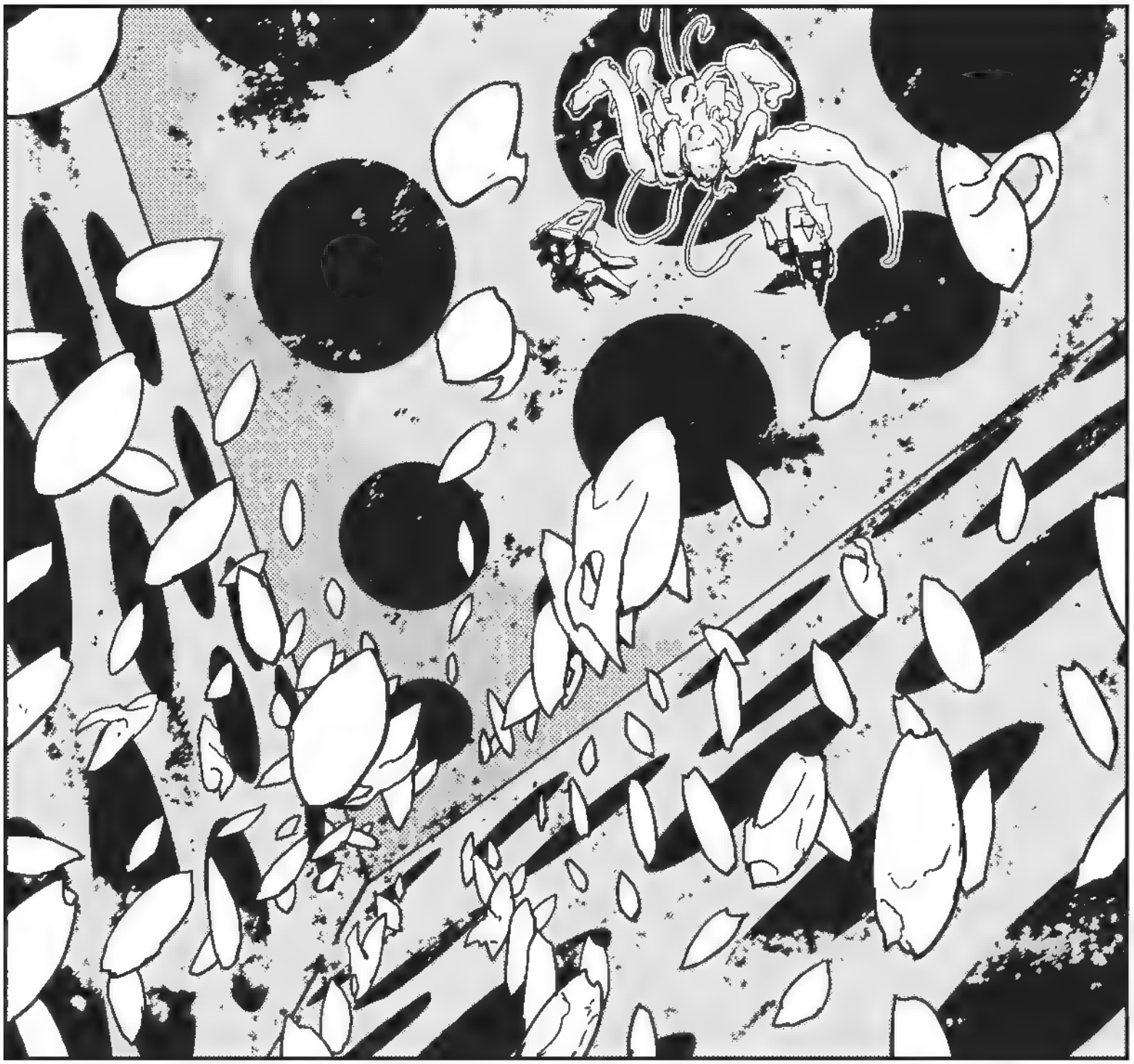
THERE'S WAY TOO MUCH TO PEEL OFF !!

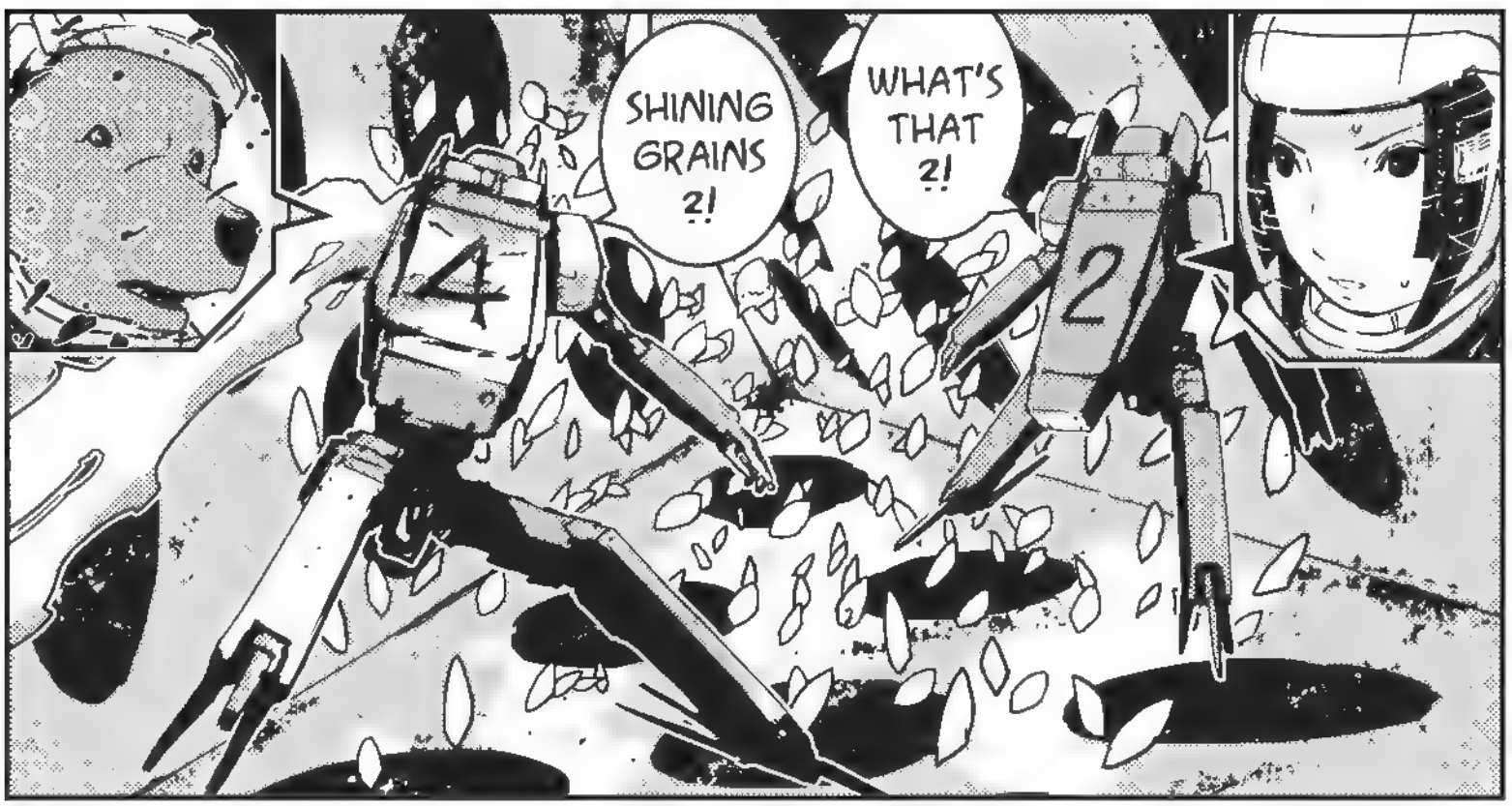
DRRG

DOOM

IT'S LIKELY ALL THE TUNNELS CONNECT THERE!! USE THAT WELL AND YOU CAN ESCAPE! RETREAT!!

GWOM




SHINING GRAINS ?!
WHAT'S THAT ?!
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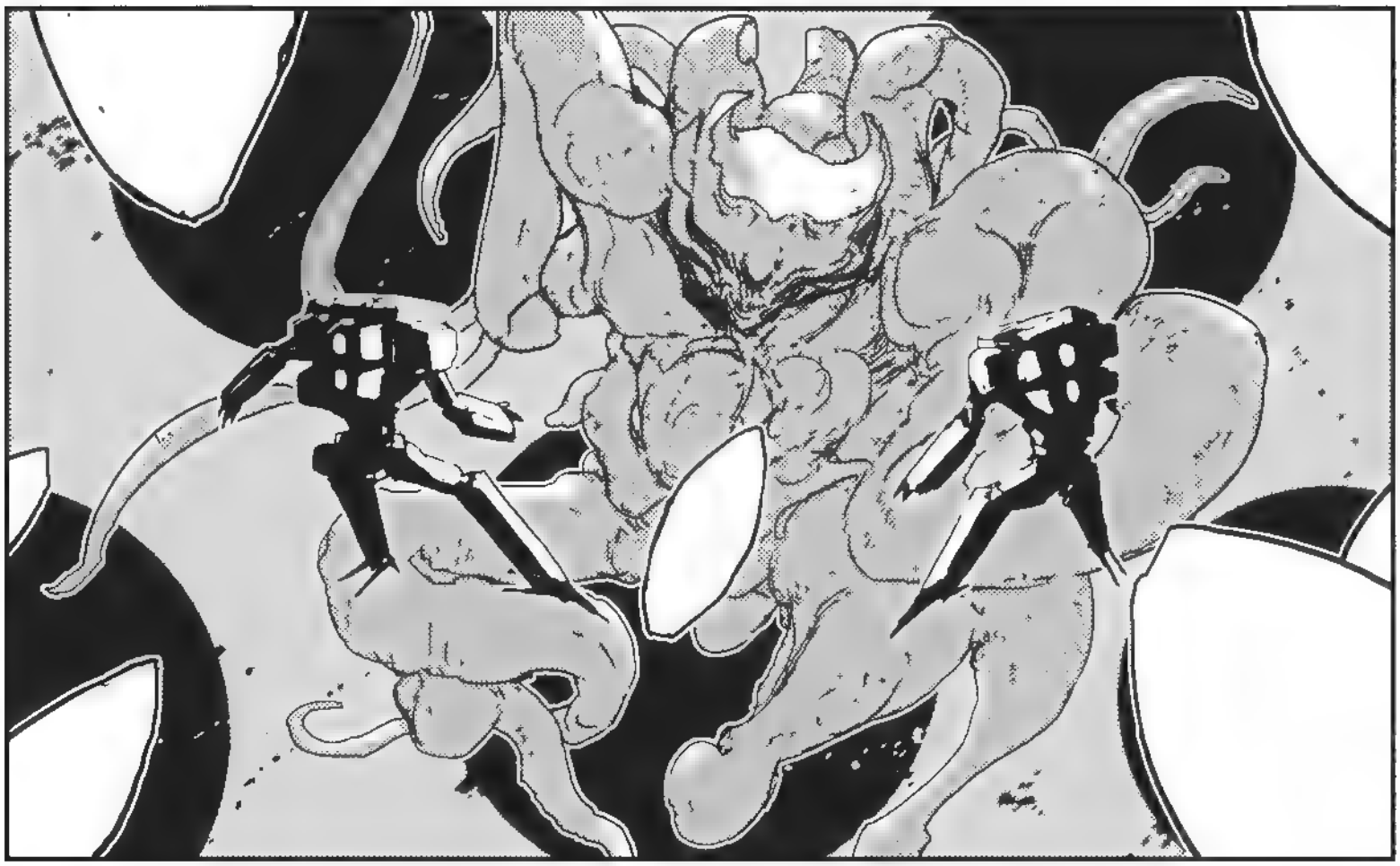
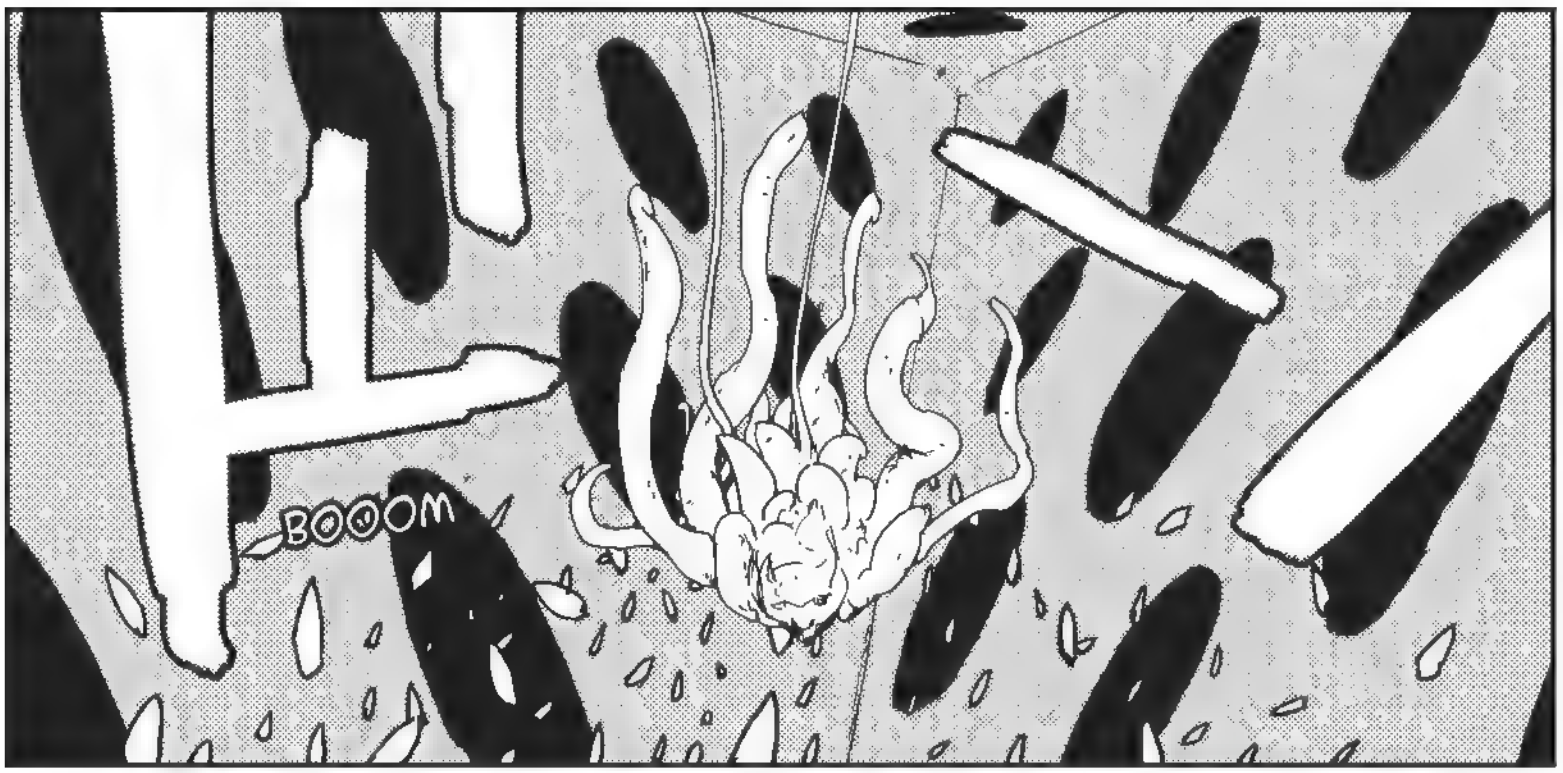
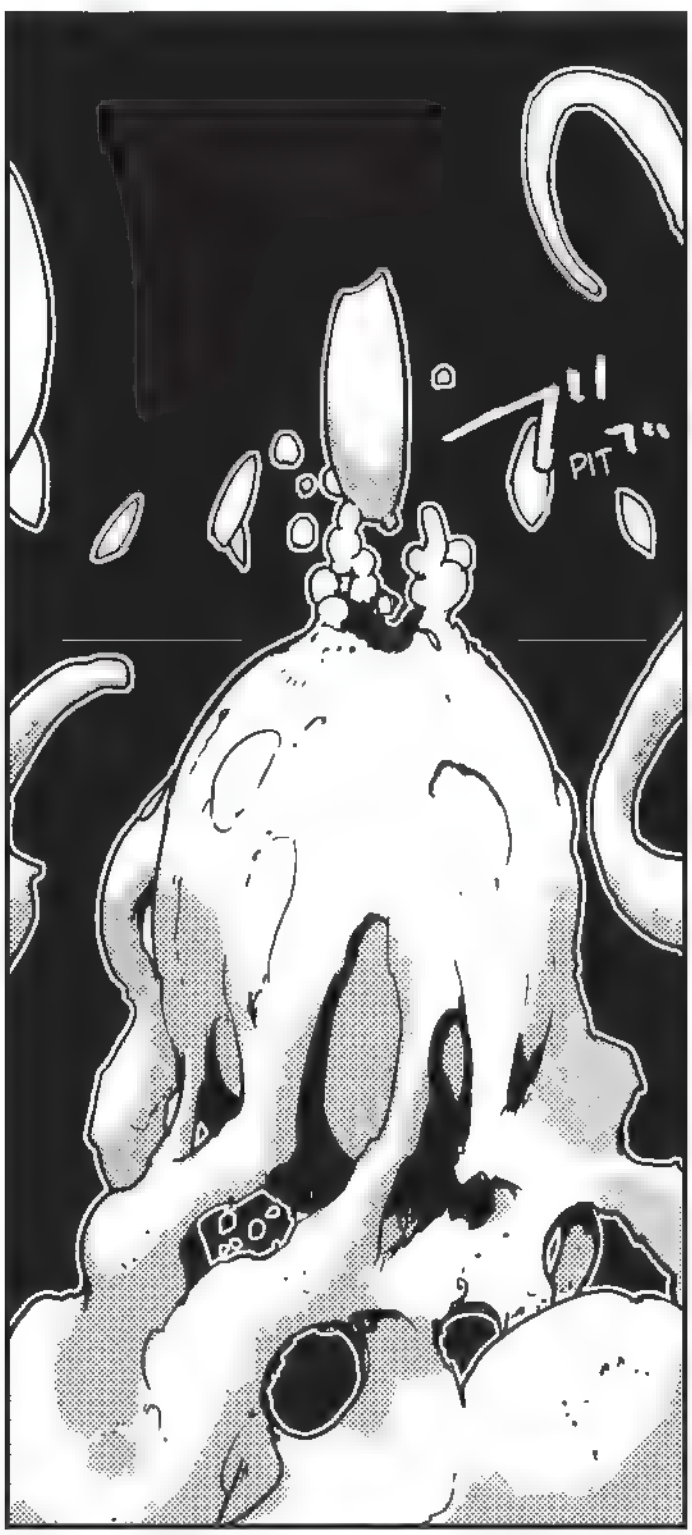



BOOOM

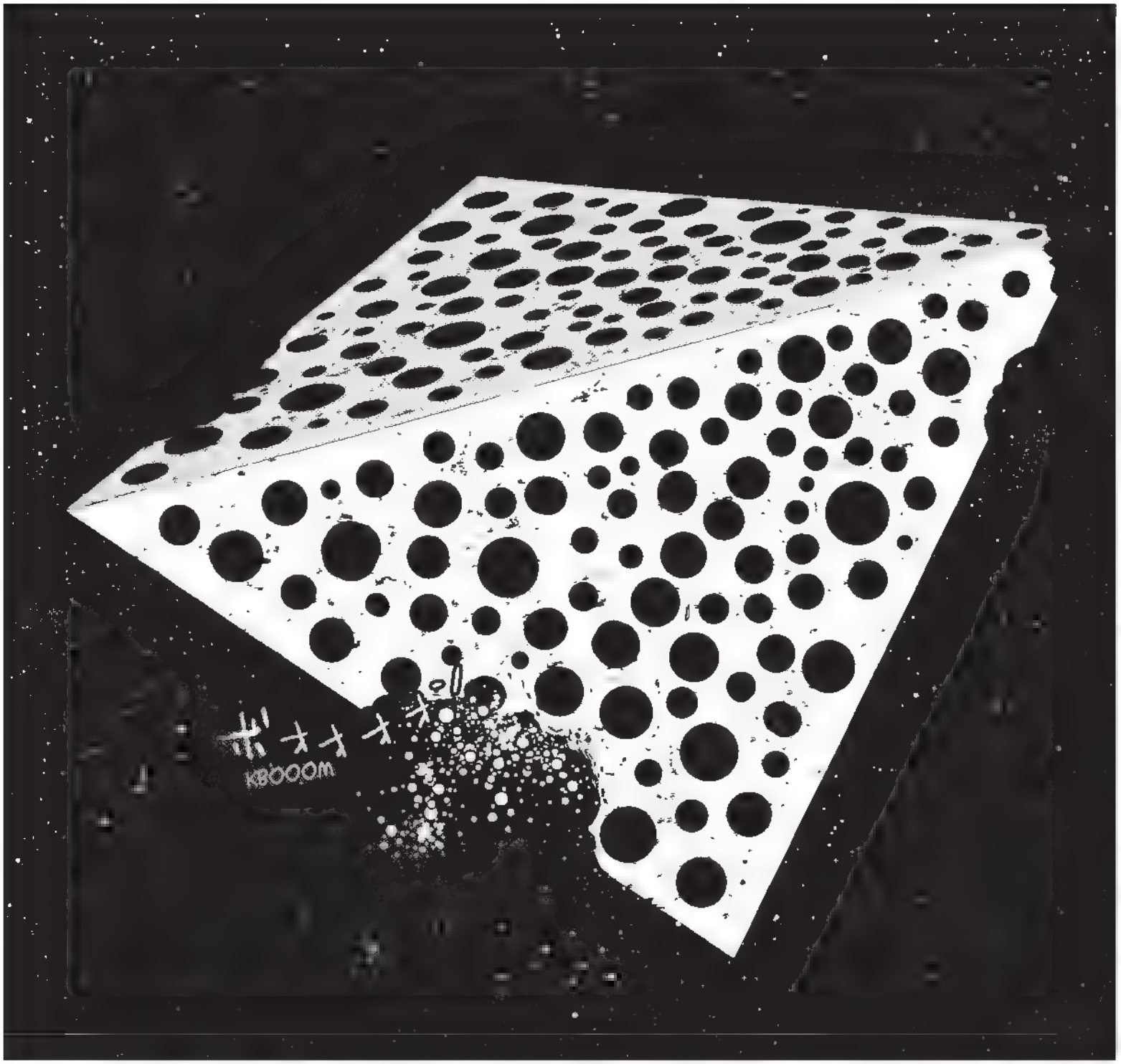

PIT

GLUBLUB

IT PUNCHED THROUGH THE GAUNA CORE!!

TH-THAT GRAIN!!

MLLRRG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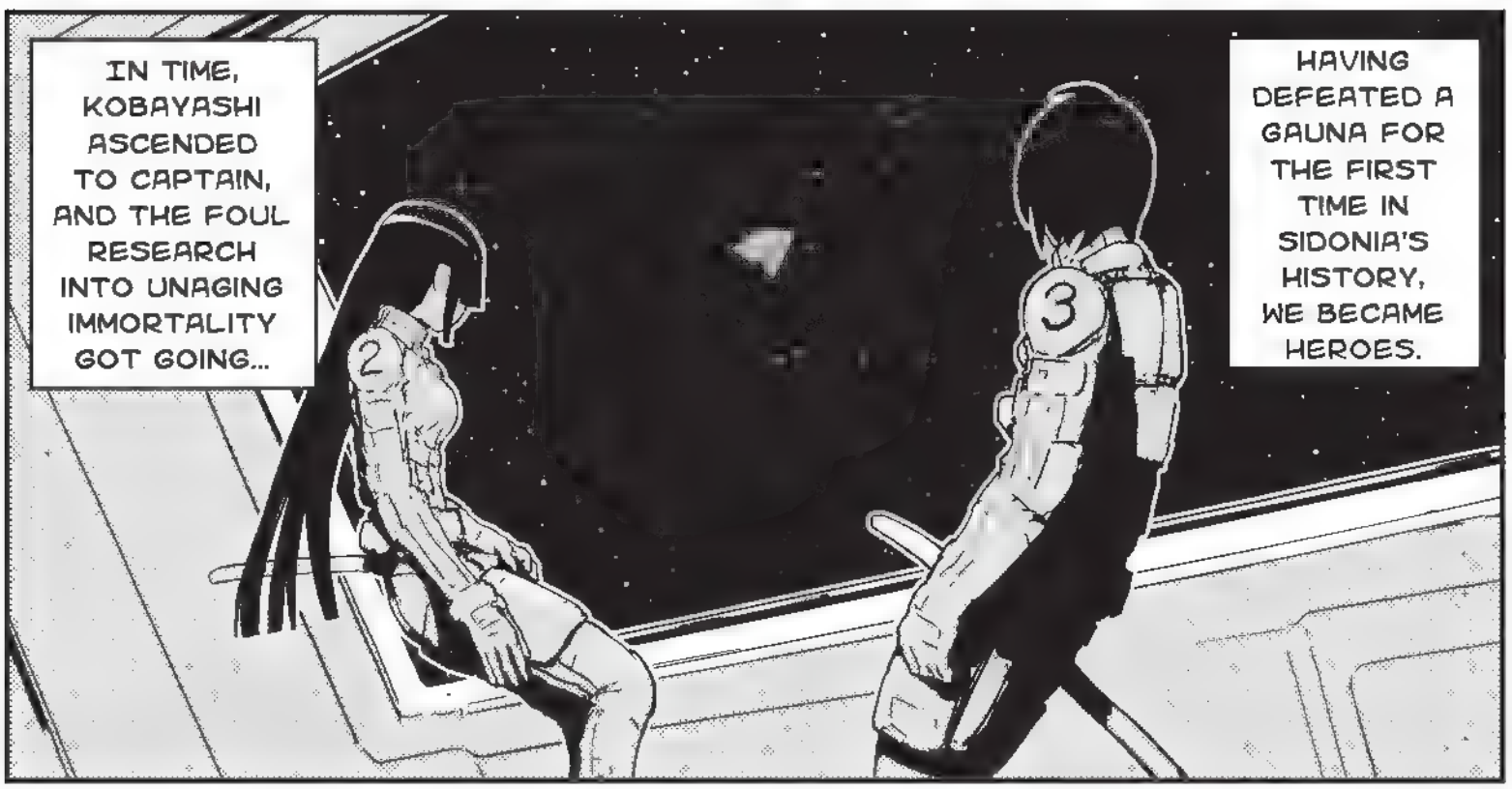
KBOOOM


IN TIME, KOBAYASHI ASCENDED TO CAPTAIN, AND THE FOUL RESEARCH INTO UNAGING IMMORTALITY GOT GOING...
2
3
HAVING DEFEATED A GAUNA FOR THE FIRST TIME IN SIDONIA'S HISTORY, WE BECAME HEROES.

WHILE REFUSING TO ADHERE TO ANY OTHER KIND OF MATERIAL AND IMPOSSIBLE TO PROCESS, KABI BONDED PERFECTLY WITH GAUNA FLESH, A.K.A. PLACENTA.

THOSE LUMINOUS GRAINS THAT TORE A HOLE THROUGH THE GAUNA'S CORE WERE NAMED AFTER THE OLD TERM FOR AN EAR OF RICE—"KABI"...

KABI

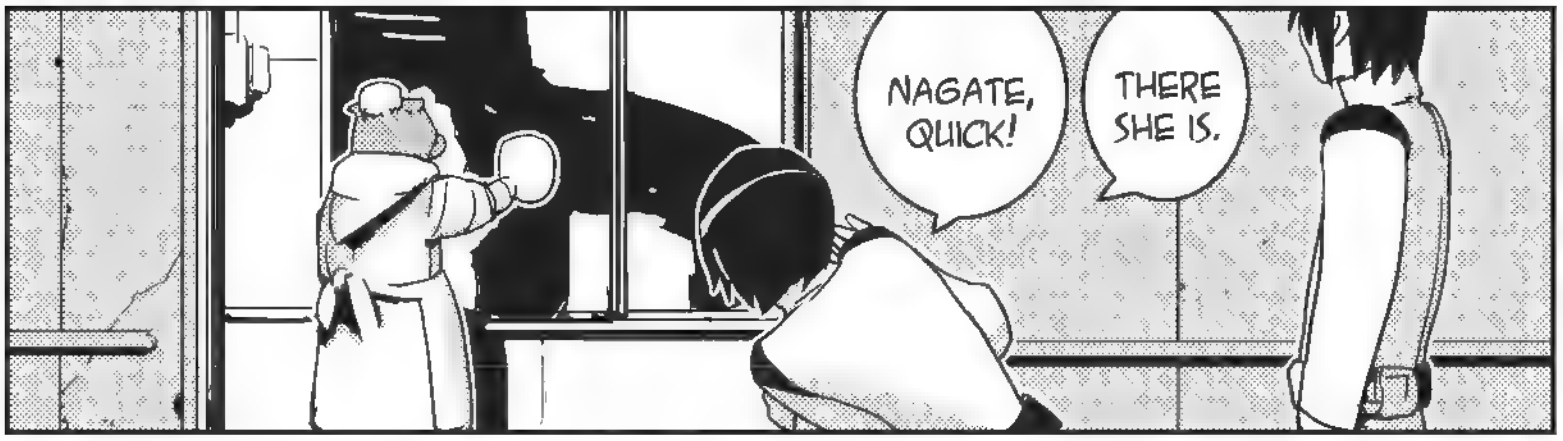
PLACENTA

HAFT

THAT'S WHY WE ONLY HAVE A LIMITED NUMBER OF "KABIZASHI"—OUR ONLY TRUE WEAPON AGAINST THE GAUNA.

EVEN NOW, SIX CENTURIES LATER, WE STILL DON'T KNOW WHO BUILT THAT STRUCTURE OR FOR WHAT...

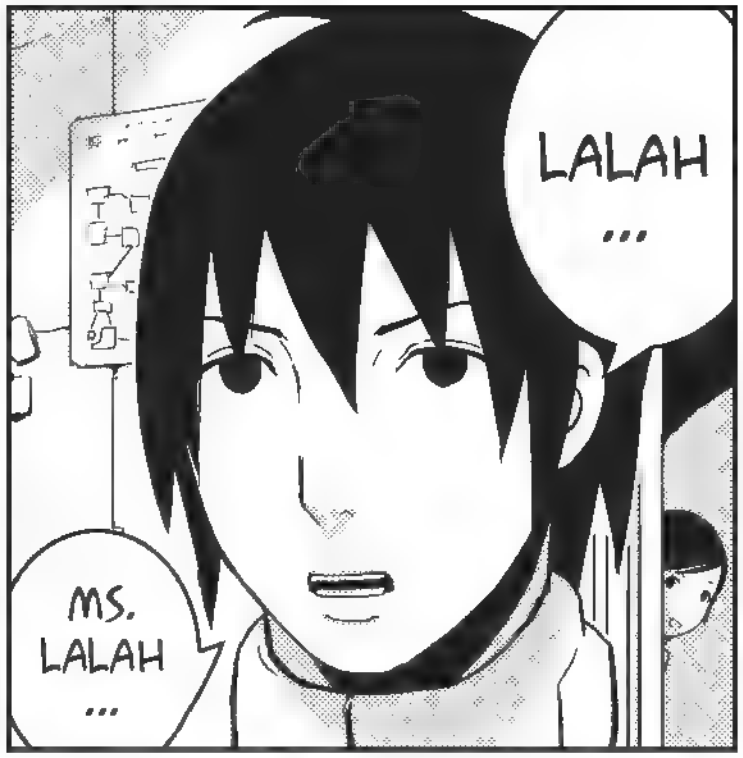
WHREEEEEEE


NAGATE, QUICK!
THERE SHE IS.

...ALL RIGHT.
TEE HEE

ISN'T SHE ALWAYS LOOKING AFTER YOU?
I TOLD YOU. IT'LL MAKE MS. HIYAMA HAPPY.
WHAT'S THE POINT OF THIS EXACTLY?

WHR


LALAH
...
MS.
LALAH
...

HIRO
!!

SHFF

IZANA
TOLD
ME...
HUH?!
NO...
UM...
UH-
OH!

HUH?!
THAT'S
WEIRD.
THAT
SHOULD'VE
TURNED HER
SAVAGE.

YOUUU!!

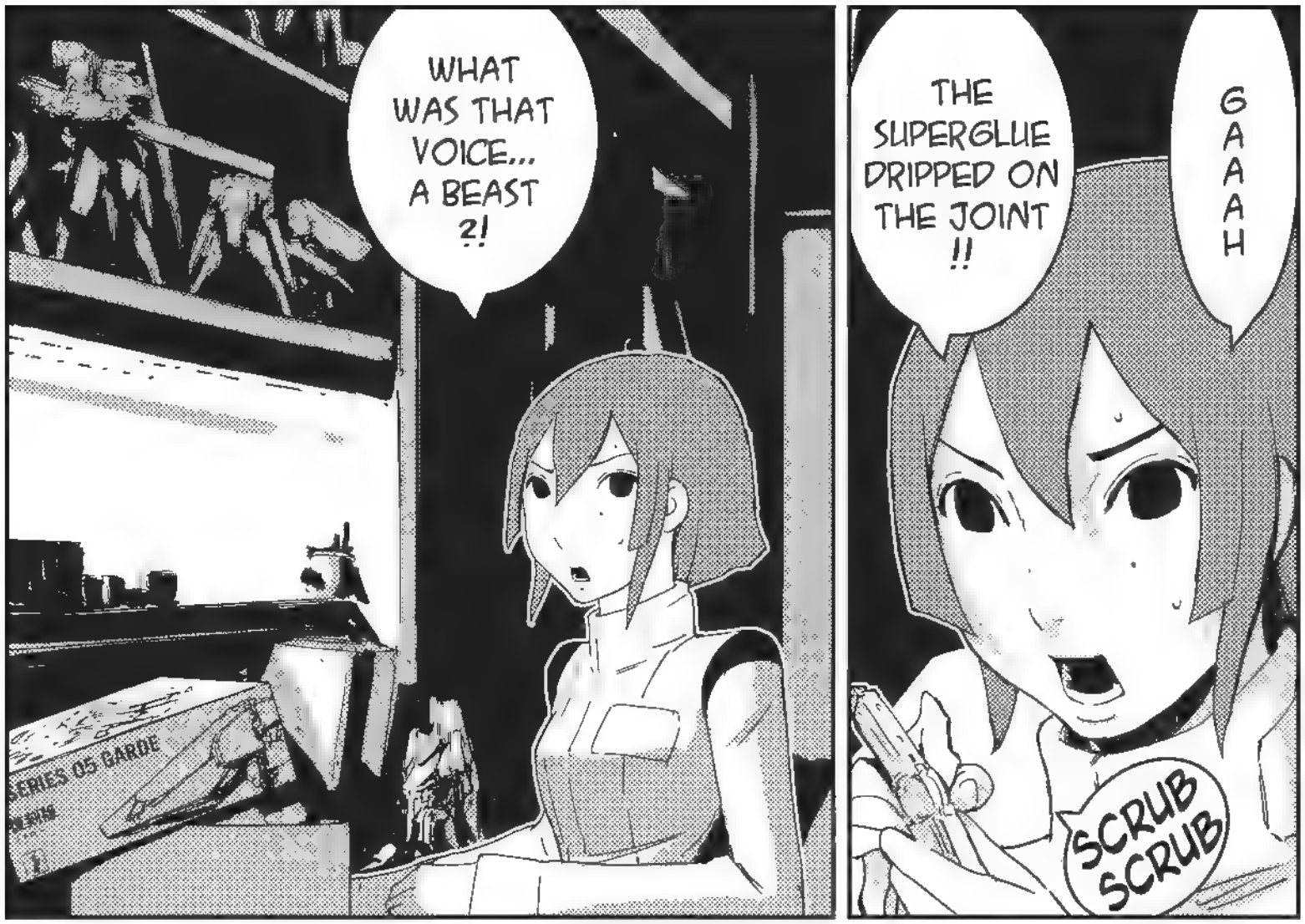
IN AAAAAA

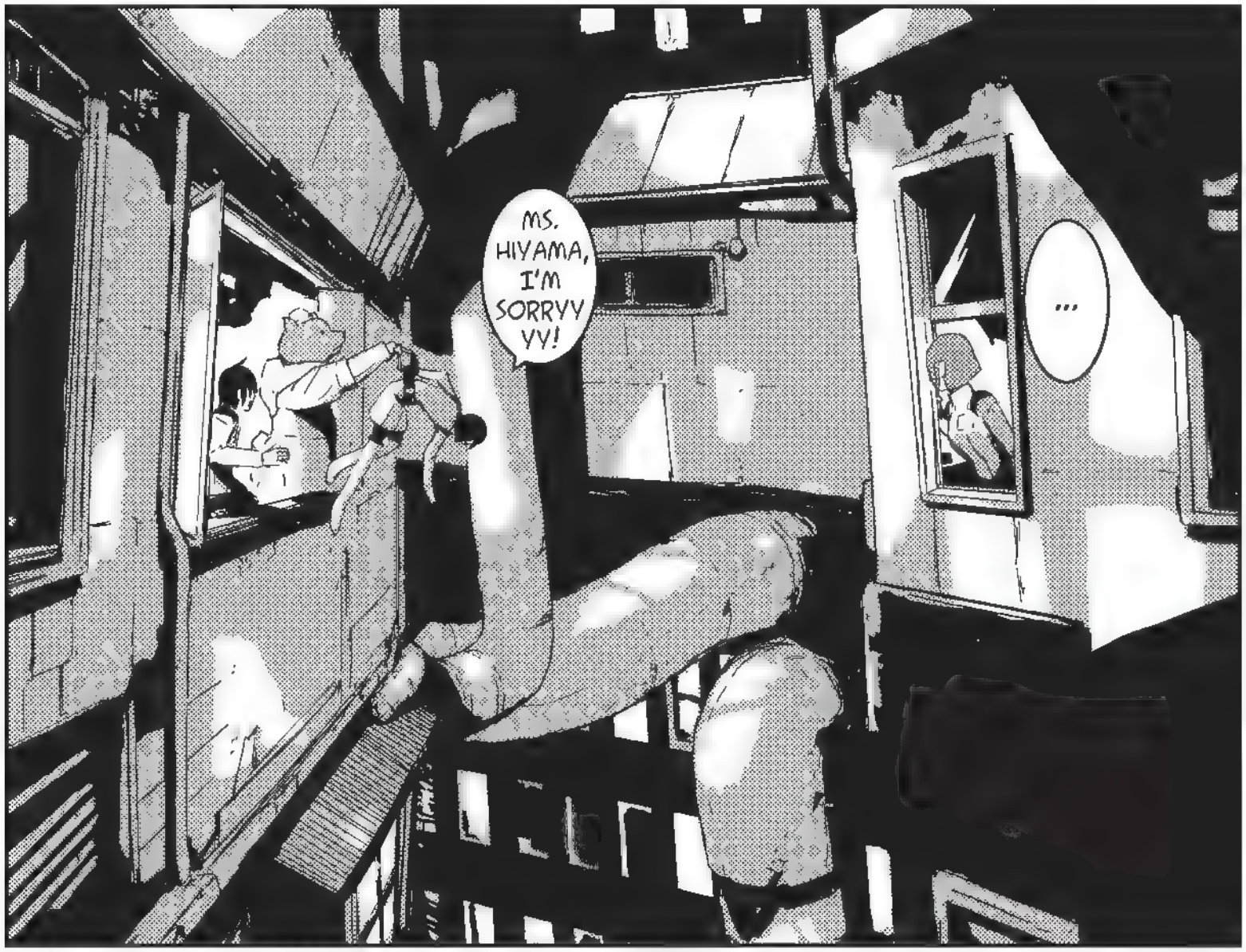
BLUP

!

GRAAAAAA

ULP ...





Chapter 14: END

CORE

PLACENTA

GAUNA

An extra-terrestrial life form.
Made up of a core and placenta.
The placenta is created and metamorphosed by expending Higgs particles stored up in the core.
Because the energy source, Higgs particles, exists in an unlimited quantity in space, until the core is destroyed it can regenerate placenta endlessly. The only thing that can destroy the core is a Kabizashi.

CLUSTER SHIP (GREGARIOUS GAUNA)

Countless Gaunas linked together by one another's placenta. A Gauna nest, or mothership. The cluster ship that destroyed the Solar System was larger than the moon. The Lesser Cluster Ship presently in conflict with the *Sidonia*, at 56,000,000 tons, is estimated to contain 5,000 Gaunas.

CLUSTER SHIP
CROSS-SECTION

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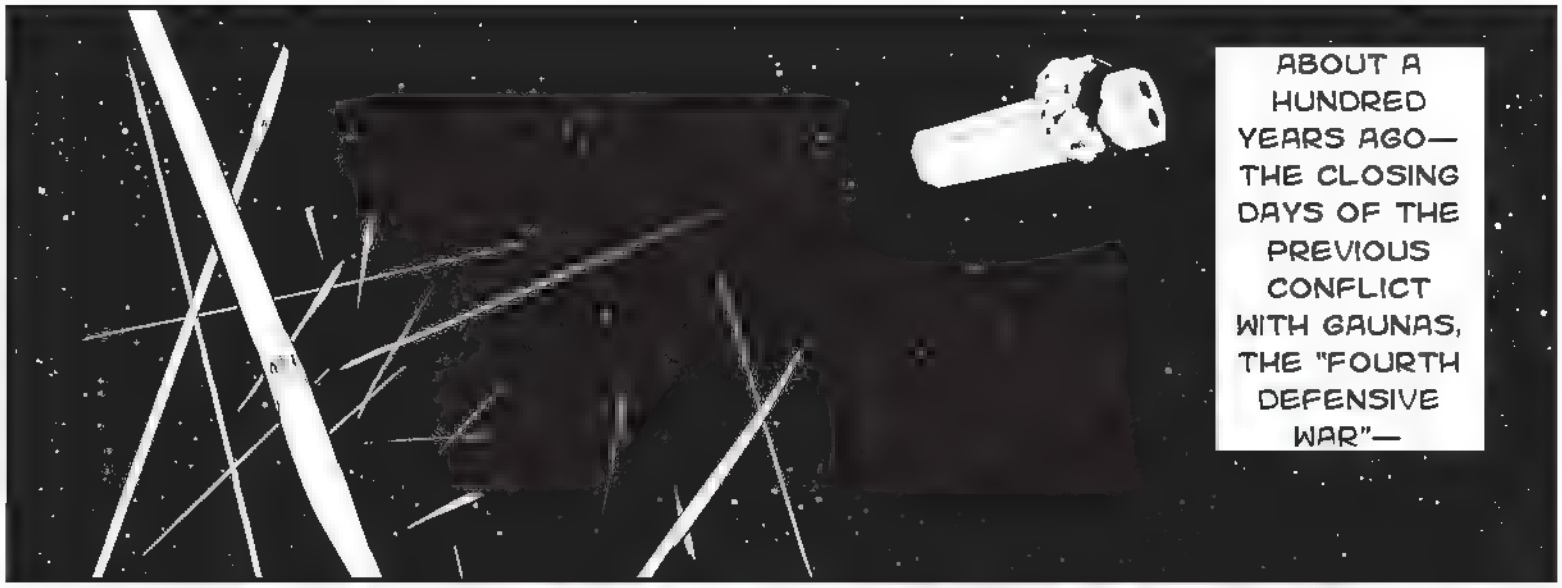
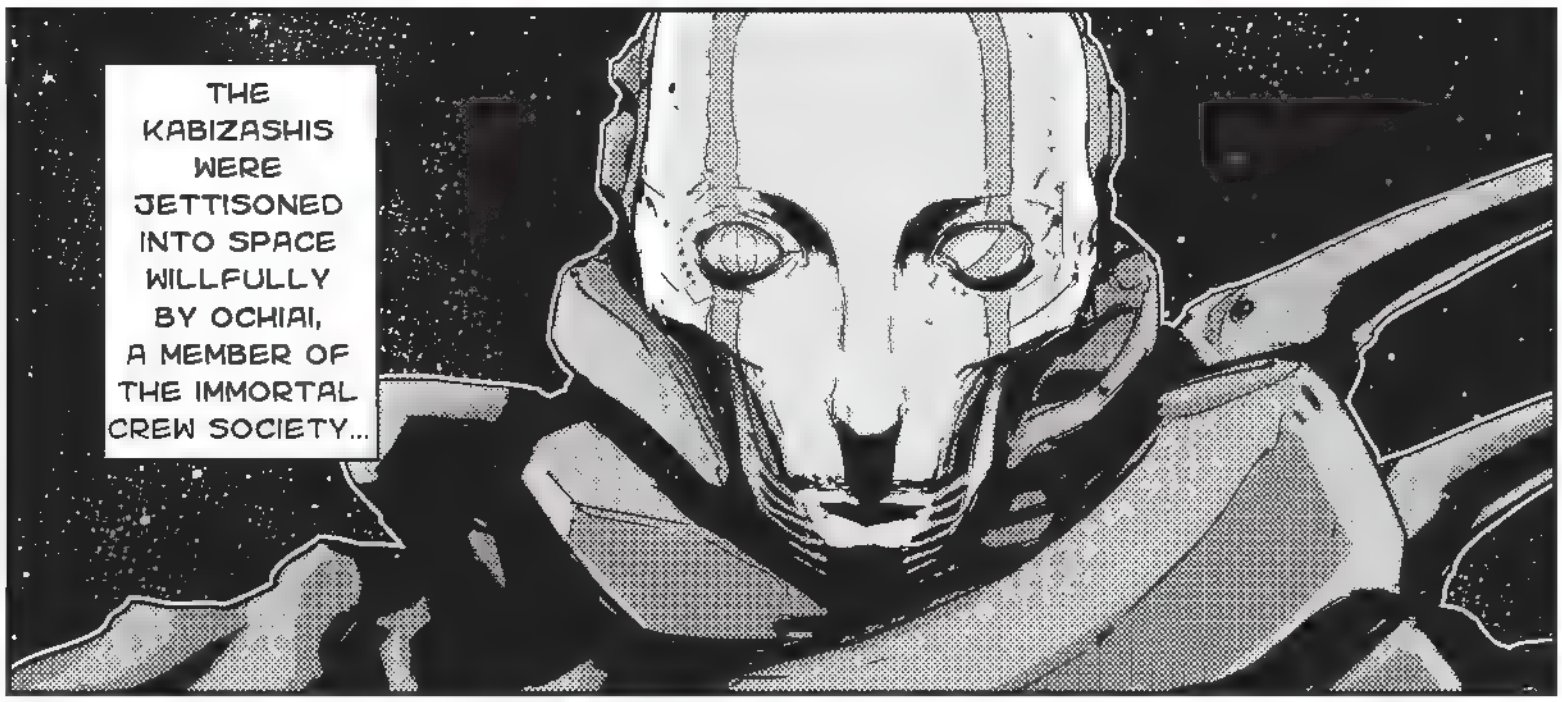
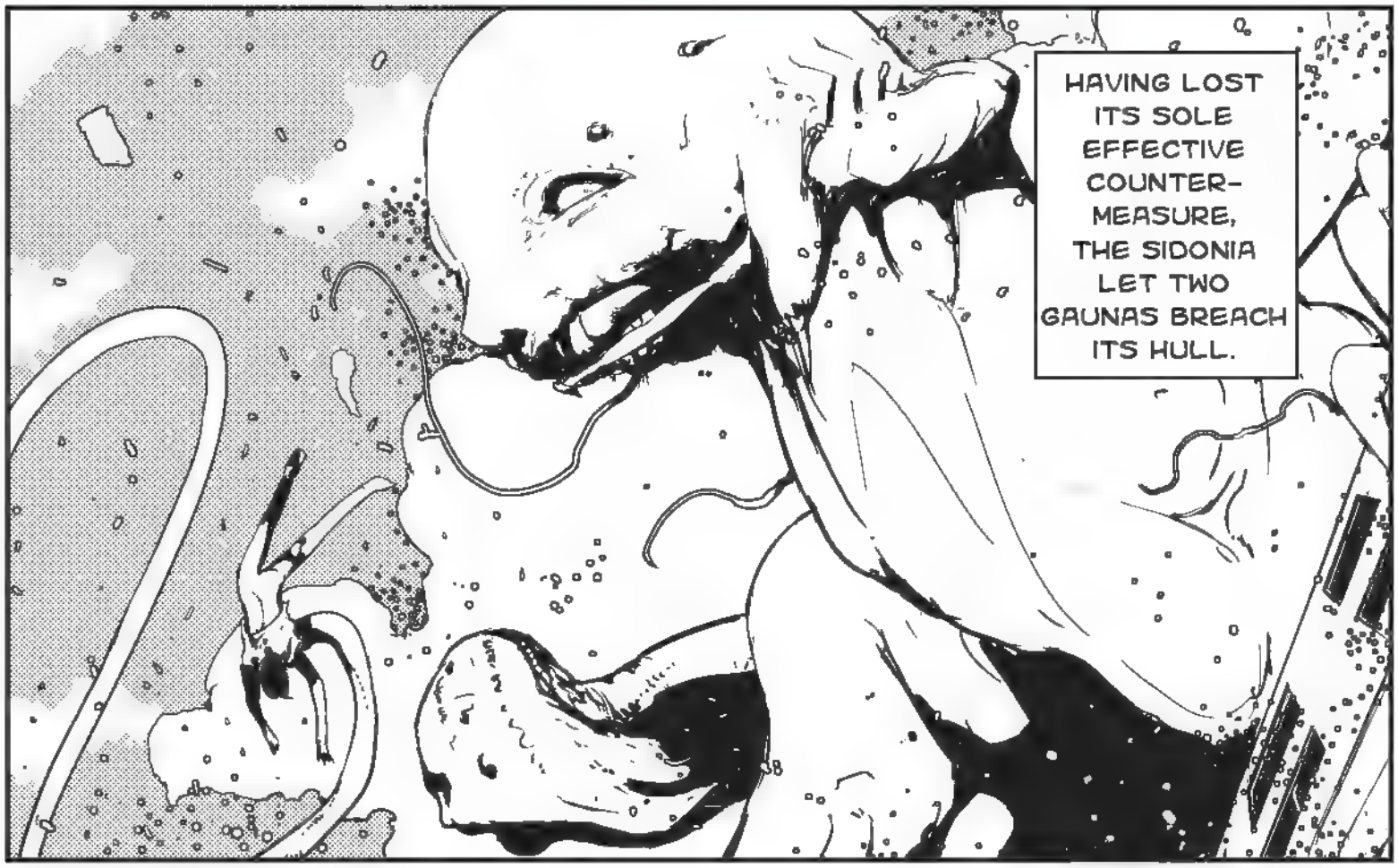
Pilot Dormitories Rear


ABOUT A HUNDRED YEARS AGO— THE CLOSING DAYS OF THE PREVIOUS CONFLICT WITH GAUNAS, THE "FOURTH DEFENSIVE WAR"—


THE KABIZASHIS WERE JETTISONED INTO SPACE WILLFULLY BY OCHIAI, A MEMBER OF THE IMMORTAL CREW SOCIETY...


HAVING LOST ITS SOLE EFFECTIVE COUNTER-MEASURE, THE SIDONIA LET TWO GAUNAS BREACH ITS HULL.

IN THE MERE FEW MINUTES BEFORE THEY WERE DESTROYED BY THE TSUGUMORI, PILOTED BY HIROKI SAITO,

THE TWO GAUNA DEVOURED 99% OF SIDONIA'S POPULA-TION.

HAHH

HAHH

SIDONIA BRIDGE CONFER-ENCE CABIN —

CAPTAIN …

カシュウン KSHHNN

カン CLANG

コン CLONK

コン CLONK

ゴ GRRMM

ゴ

SO THAT'S SIDONIA'S TOTAL POPULATION NOW...

IMMORTAL CREW SOCIETY, TWENTY-FOUR. GENERAL CREW, 392...

WE'VE RESCUED THE LAST SURVIVOR.

YOU WERE THE ONE WHO ORDERED US TO TAKE HIM ALIVE, KOBAYASHI.

THE SOCIETY COUNT IS TWENTY-FIVE.

YOU FORGOT OCHIAI.

GRIP

HIRO ...

OCHIAI WIPED OUT MOST OF SIDONIA'S LIBRARY

HOW MANY TIMES HAVE WE TOLD YOU, SAITO?

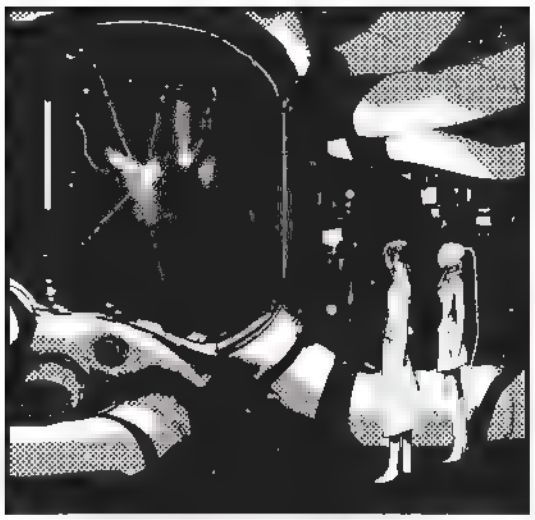
AFTER DEPOSITING A DUPLICATE ON HIS OWN BRAIN'S AUXILIARY MEMORY SYSTEM.

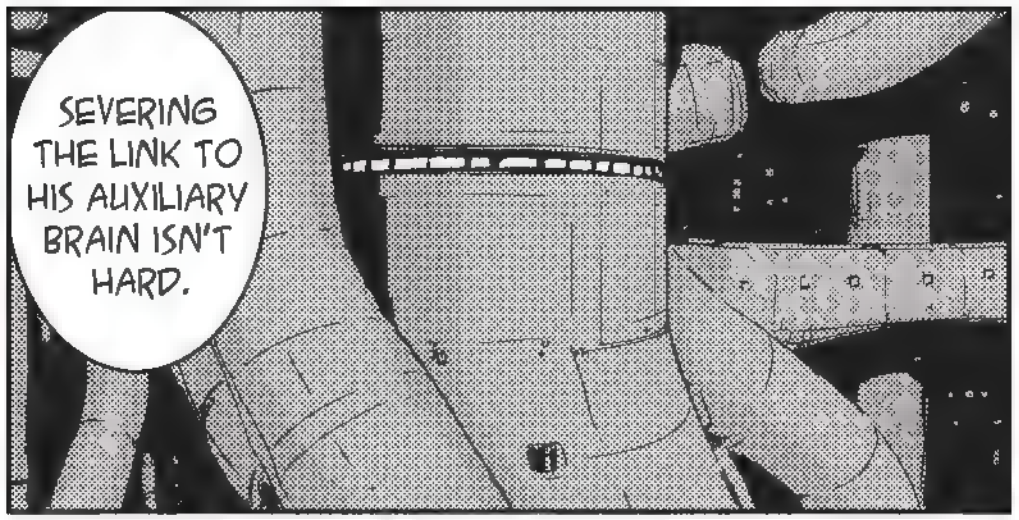
KRAK

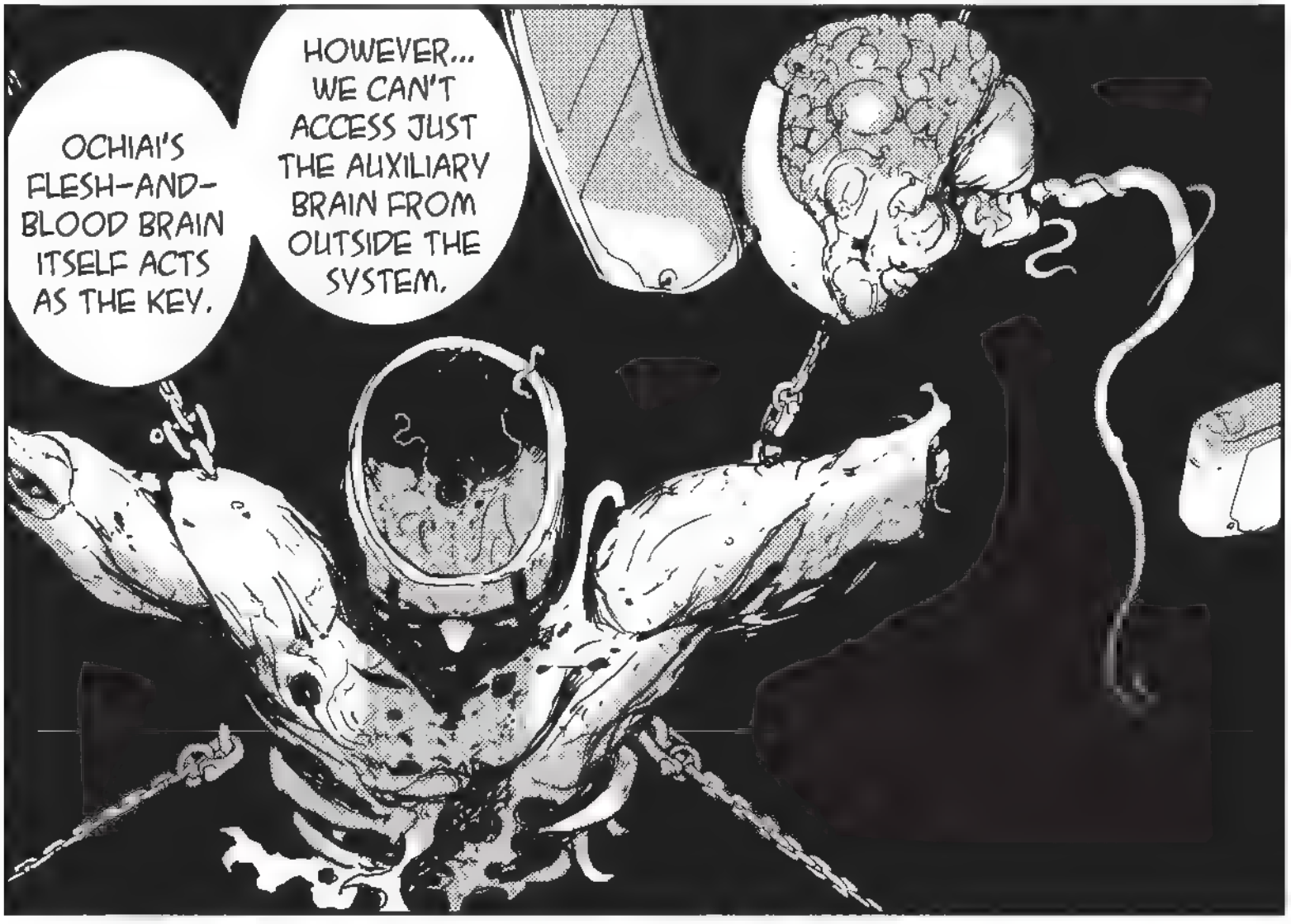
KRAKL

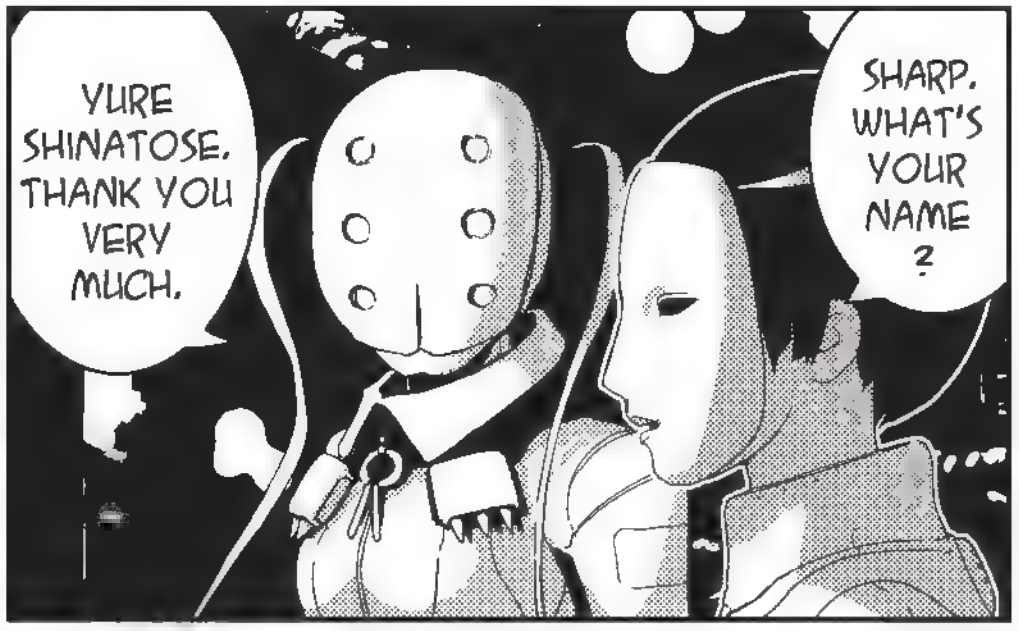
KRAKLE

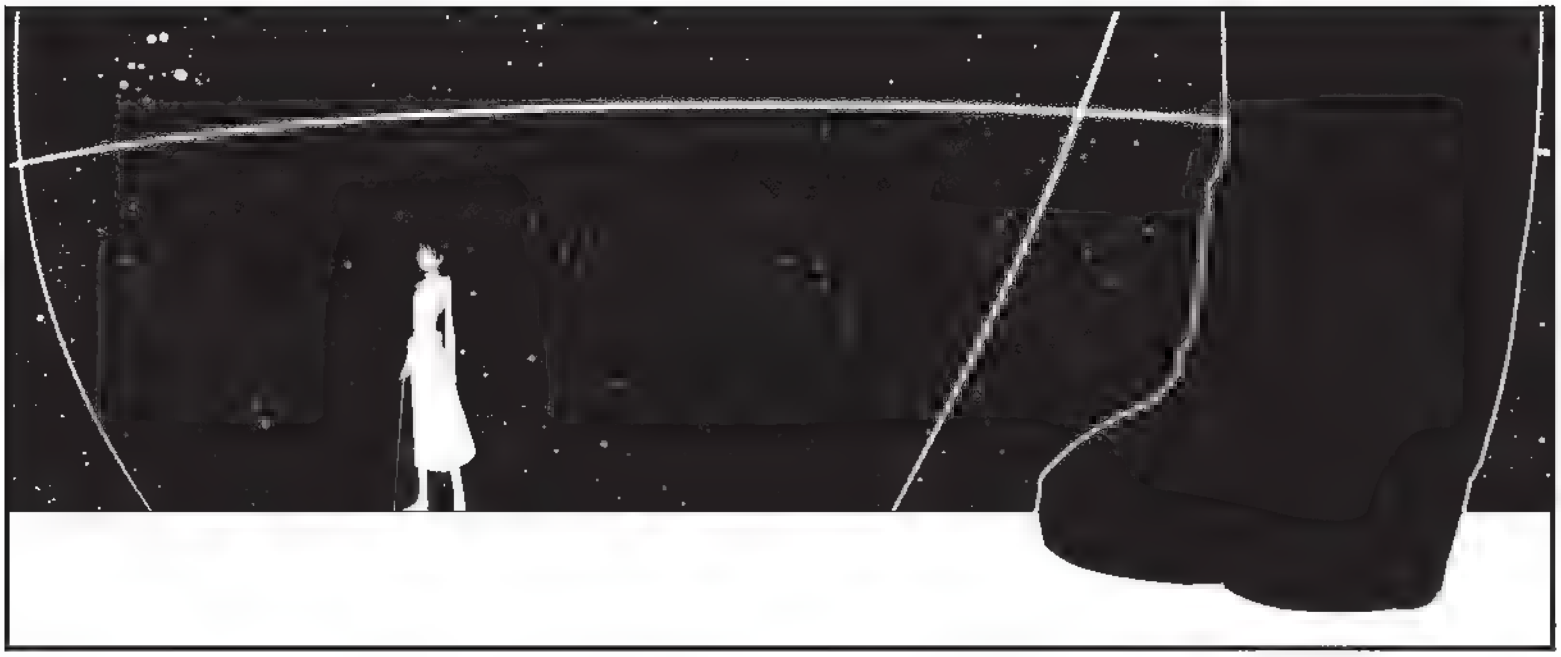
CRACK
KAK
KRAK
KRAKL
WHAT ARE YOU THINK-ING?!
HEY, YOU CAN'T LIGHT A FIRE HERE!
!
CRACK
LET THIS ONE PASS.
TODAY WAS SUPPOSED TO BE THE GRAVITY FESTIVAL.
KAK

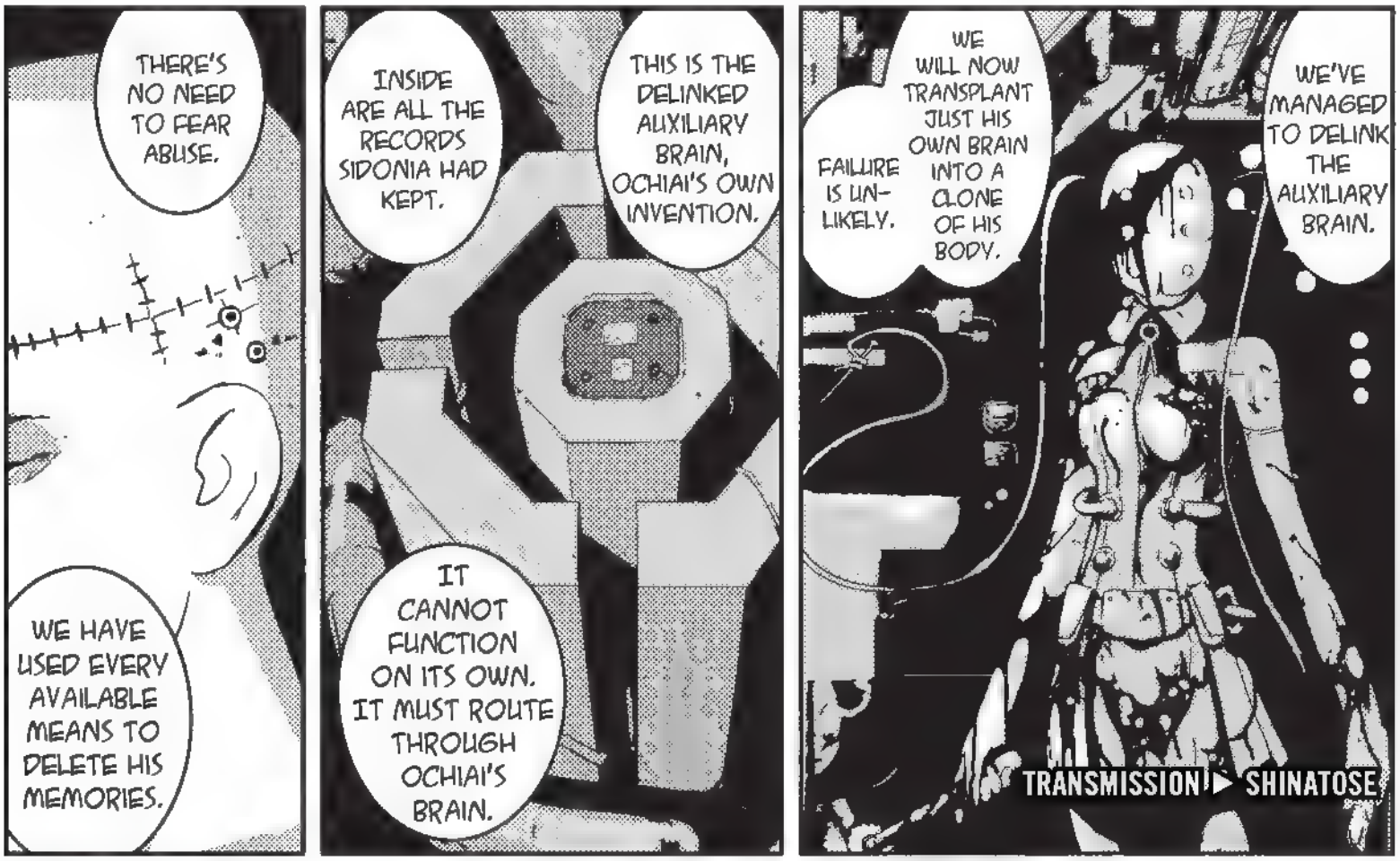



SEVERING THE LINK TO HIS AUXILIARY BRAIN ISN'T HARD.


OCHIAI'S FLESH-AND-BLOOD BRAIN ITSELF ACTS AS THE KEY.
HOWEVER... WE CAN'T ACCESS JUST THE AUXILIARY BRAIN FROM OUTSIDE THE SYSTEM.


YURE SHINATOSE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
SHARP. WHAT'S YOUR NAME?




THERE'S NO NEED TO FEAR ABUSE.
WE HAVE USED EVERY AVAILABLE MEANS TO DELETE HIS MEMORIES.
INSIDE ARE ALL THE RECORDS SIDONIA HAD KEPT.
THIS IS THE DELINKED AUXILIARY BRAIN, OCHIAI'S OWN INVENTION.
IT CANNOT FUNCTION ON ITS OWN. IT MUST ROUTE THROUGH OCHIAI'S BRAIN.
FAILURE IS UN-LIKELY.
WE WILL NOW TRANSPLANT JUST HIS OWN BRAIN INTO A CLONE OF HIS BODY.
WE'VE MANAGED TO DELINK THE AUXILIARY BRAIN.
TRANSMISSION ▶ SHINATOSE

CAPTAIN KOBAYASHI.
PLEASED TO MEET YOU.

THESE FIGURES... NATURALLY, THE FIRST GENERATION WILL NOT HAVE PARENTS.

DR. SHINA-TOSE.

WE ALL WANT THIS, BUT DO YOU REALLY THINK WE CAN LOOK AFTER SO MANY PEOPLE WHILE FIGHTING A WAR?

100-YEAR

500000

THIS IS THE ABSOLUTE MINIMUM NECESSARY TO POOL GENES SAFELY.

WHAT WILL WE DO ABOUT FOOD? WE STILL LACK EVEN AN OUTLOOK FOR RESTORING OUR INFRA-STRUCTURE.

DO YOU REALIZE WHAT IT TAKES TO RAISE KIDS ?

WE HAVE WORKED OUT THAT, LUCKILY, THE MATERIALS WE HAVE ON HAND SUFFICE TO CREATE ENOUGH EMBRYOS.

THE PLAN IS TO INCREASE THE POPULATION TO 500,000 IN A HUNDRED YEARS, SIX GENERA-TIONS.

PHOTO-SYNTHESIZE?!

THEY WILL PHOTO-SYNTHESIZE.

THESE CHILDREN WON'T BE A BURDEN.

THEY MAY JUST GO AND FLY OFF SOMEWHERE, AS HAS HAPPENED IN THE PAST.

THERE'S BEEN NO MOVEMENT AMONG THE GAUNAS IN DAYS.

ALL OF YOU, PLEASE, DON'T LET YOUR WORRIES CONSUME YOU.

HER TALENT RECOGNIZED, THE GIRL WAS LATER INDUCTED INTO THE IMMORTAL CREW SOCIETY.

THE SCHEME HUMMED ALONG ...

FWAP

AH

THE SMALL CLUSTER SHIP SWITCHED ITS COURSE FROM SIDONIA'S AND FLEW OFF SOMEWHERE.

SHE WAS RIGHT, TOO.

14
YEARS
AGO
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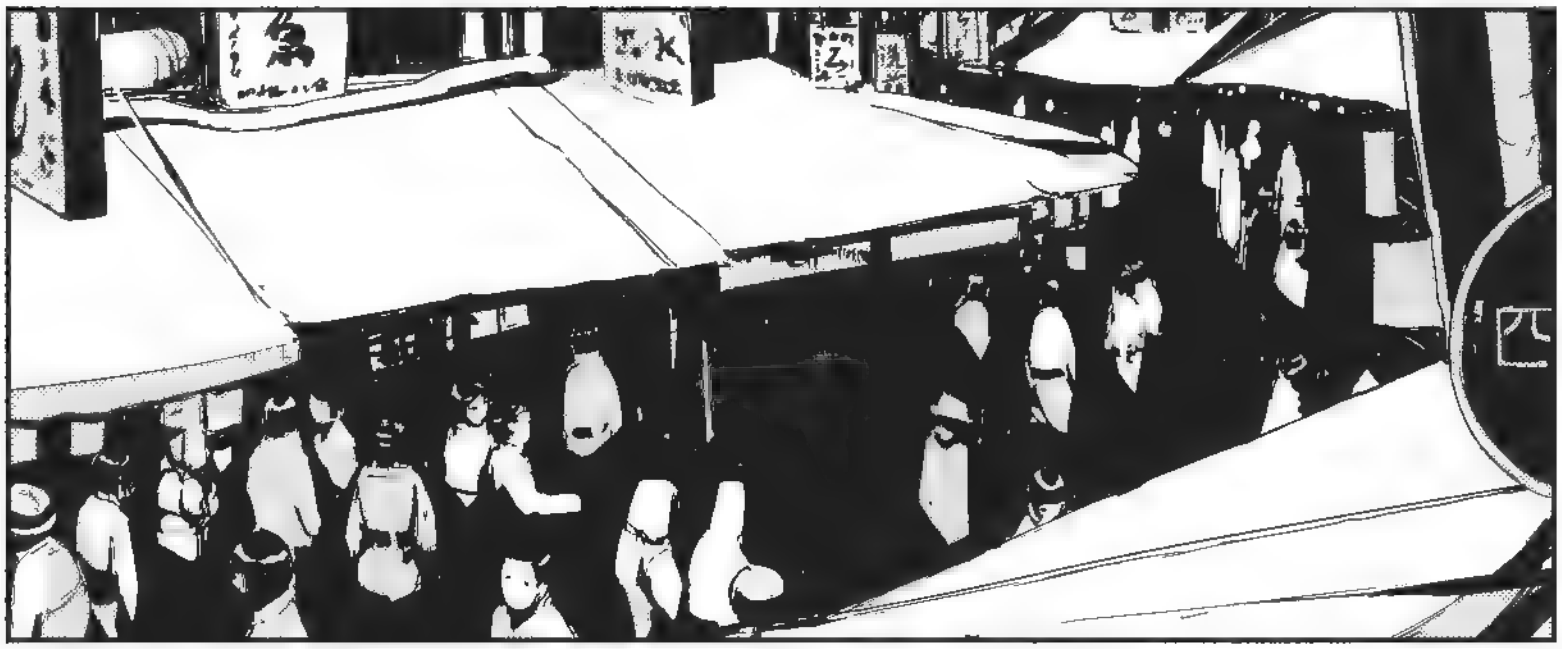

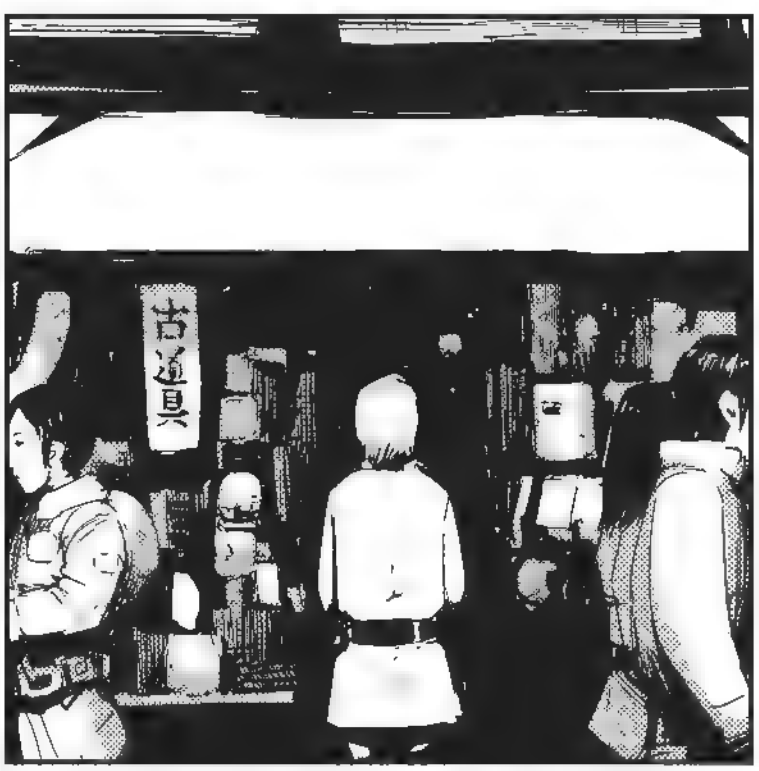
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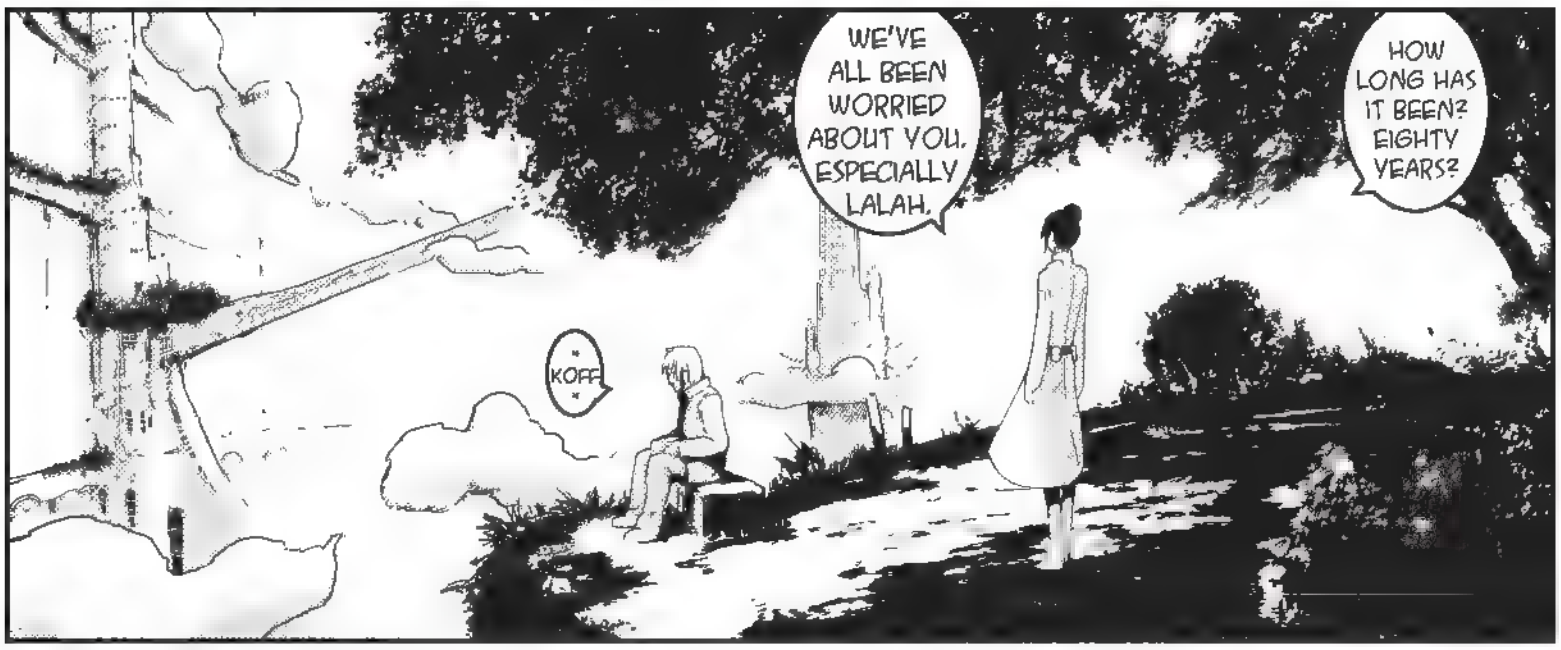
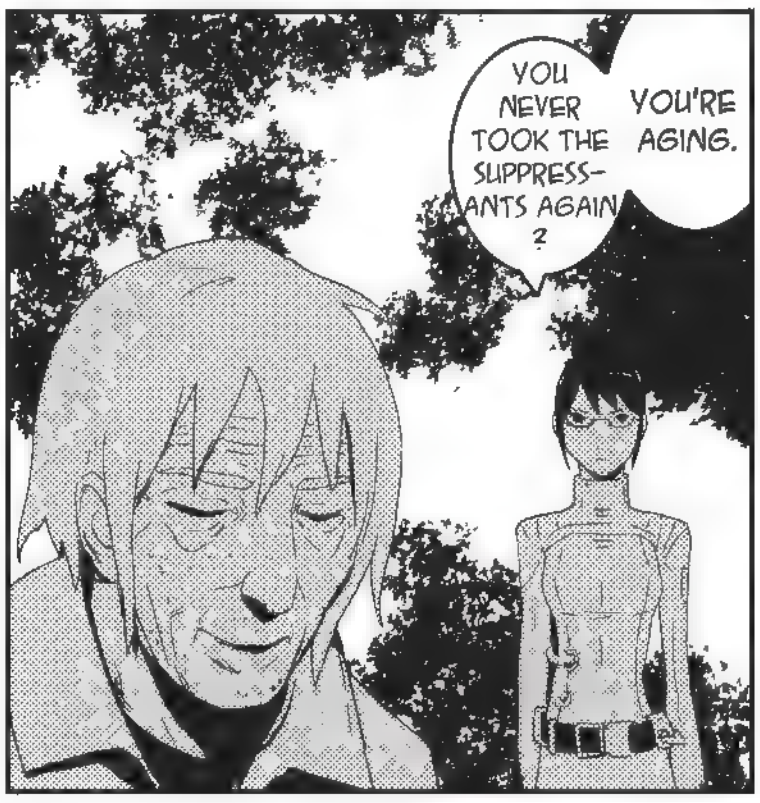
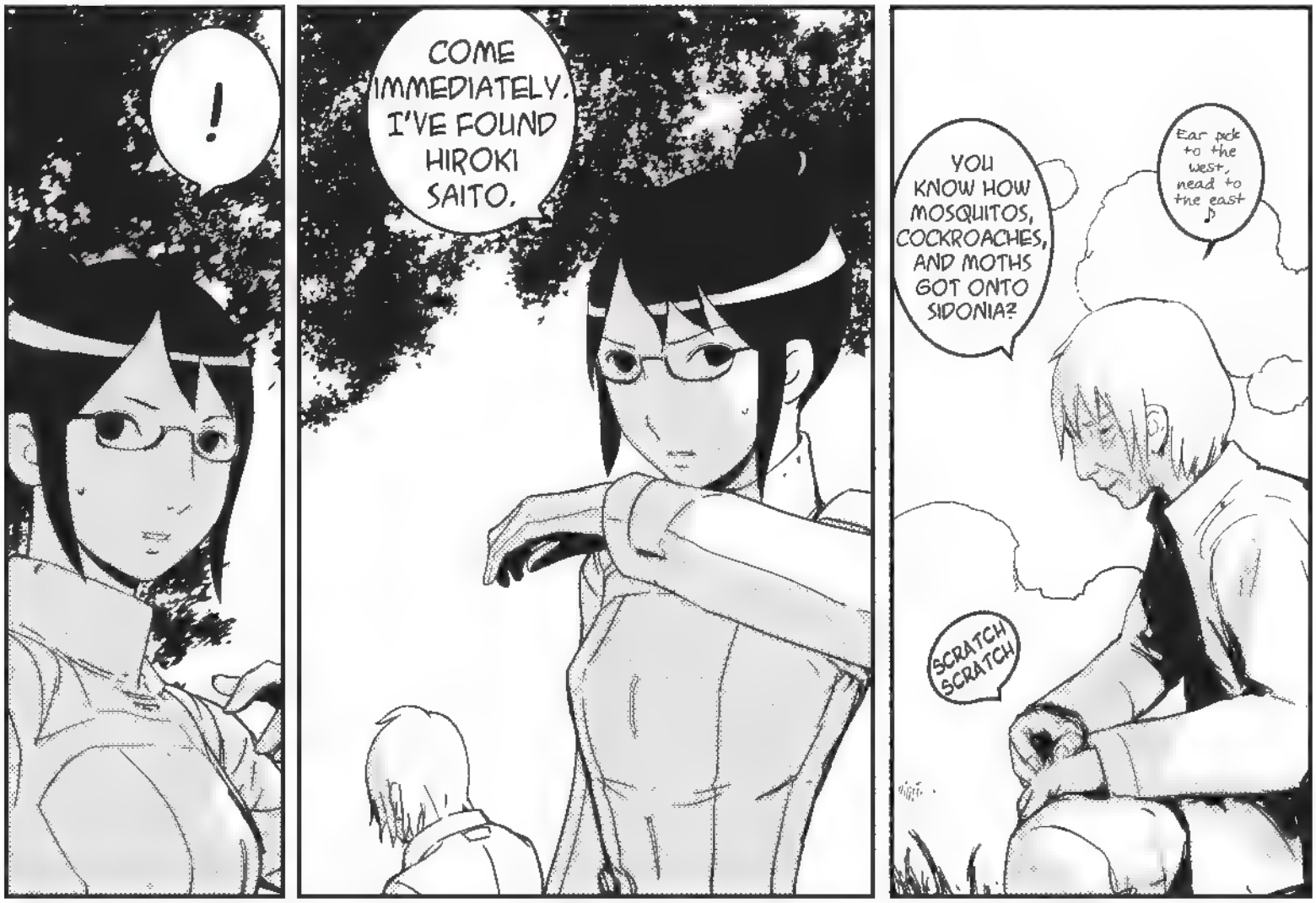
SAITO.


WE'VE ALL BEEN WORRIED ABOUT YOU, ESPECIALLY LALAH.
HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN? EIGHTY YEARS?
KOFF

COME WITH ME.
IF YOU DON'T GET TREATMENT SOON, IT WILL BE TOO LATE.


YOU'RE AGING.
YOU NEVER TOOK THE SUPPRESS-ANTS AGAIN?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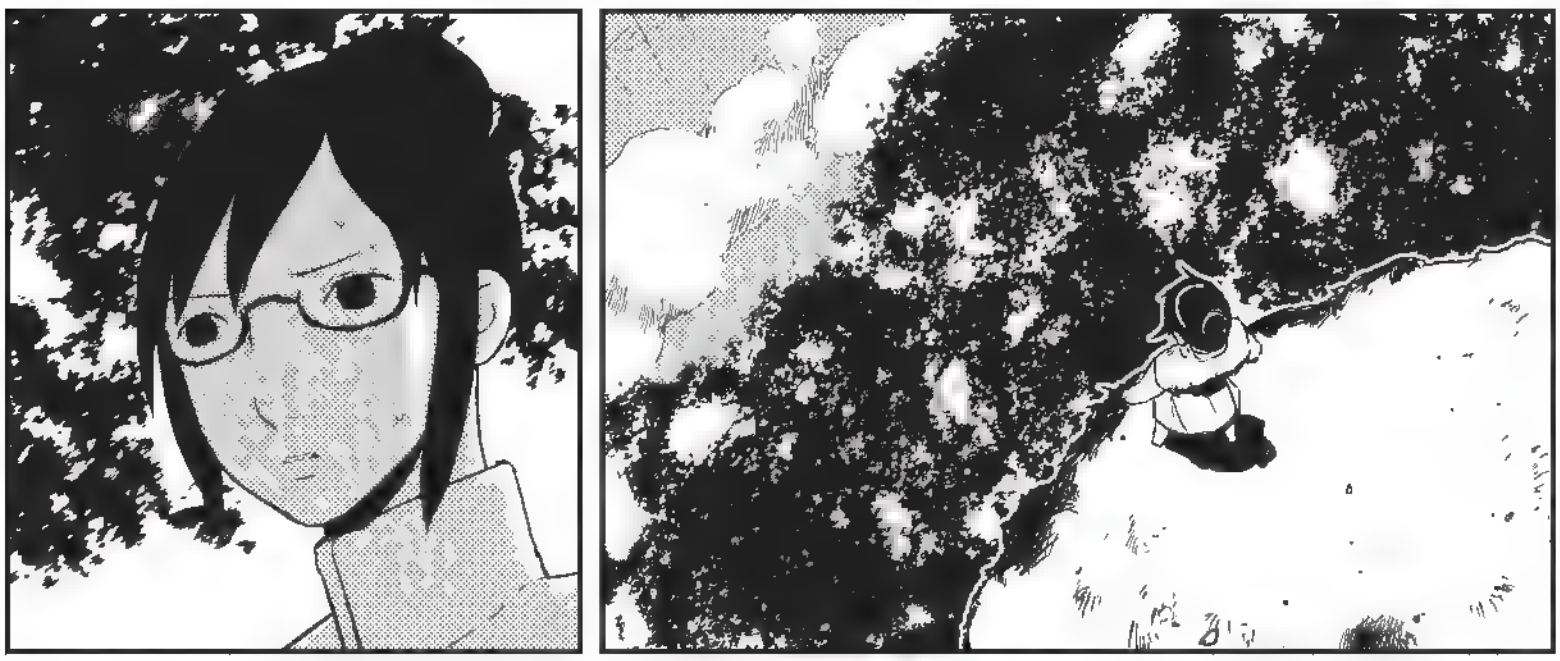
COME IMMEDIATELY. I'VE FOUND HIROKI SAITO.
YOU KNOW HOW MOSQUITOS, COCKROACHES, AND MOTHS GOT ONTO SIDONIA?
Ear pick to the west, head to the east ♪
SCRATCH SCRATCH



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WHLID

HIROKI
!!

NO SIGNS OF THE FEARED EFFECTS ON THE BRAIN FROM AGING.

AND... HOW IS HE?!

WE FOUND HIM COLLAPSED IN FRONT OF AN ORGANIC-CONVERSION REACTOR.

IN ANY CASE, WE NEED TO TRANSPLANT HIS BRAIN INTO A CLONE WITH DUE HASTE.

...

HOWEVER... HE'S AT DEATH'S DOOR.

WE'VE DONE ALL WE CAN, BUT WE HAVE NO MEANS OF REVERSING OLD AGE.

BUT HE REFUSED TO HAVE A NEW CLONE CREATED

AND VANISHED LEAVING NO CELLS BEHIND ...

HIS REPLACEMENT CLONE WAS LOST IN THE FOURTH WAR...

IS THERE A PROBLEM?

IF ONLY I'D REALIZED IT SOONER ...

HE MUST HAVE BEEN TIRED...

HE'D FOUGHT FOR SUCH A LONG TIME!

OUR HOPELESS WAR WITH THE GAUNA ...

SIDONIA'S NEAR-RUIN EIGHTY YEARS AGO,

LONGEVITY-TRIGGERED DISORDERS ...

COUNTLESS REASONS COME TO MIND... HE...

I'M ALL RIGHT, LALAH.

YOU GOTTA TAKE IT SLOW.

YOU WERE IN THAT TANK FOR DAYS.

I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU WELL AGAIN.

AT ANY RATE ...

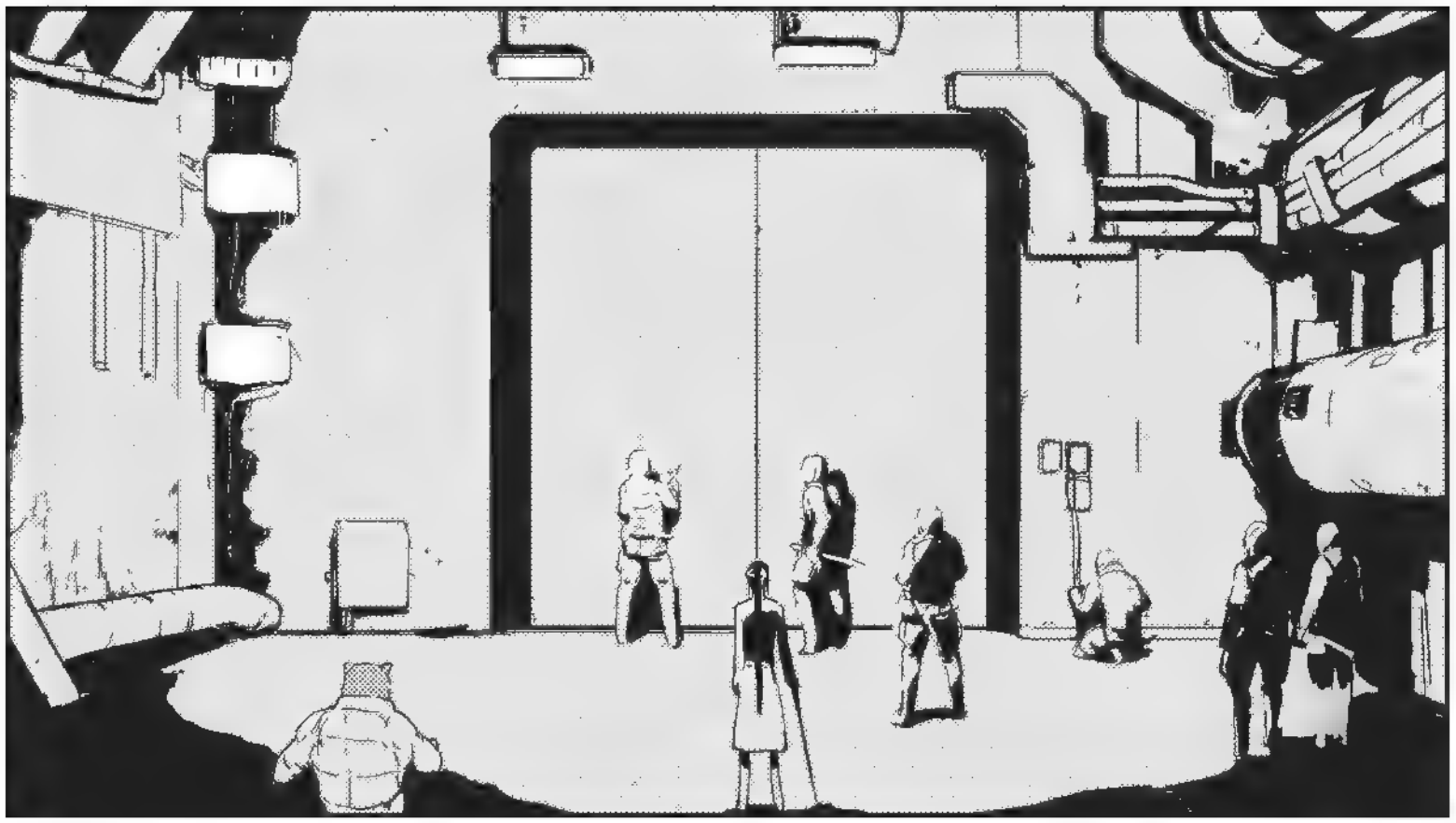
IN ABOUT TEN MORE MONTHS, IT'LL HAVE GROWN ENOUGH TO ALLOW THE BRAIN TRANS-PLANT.

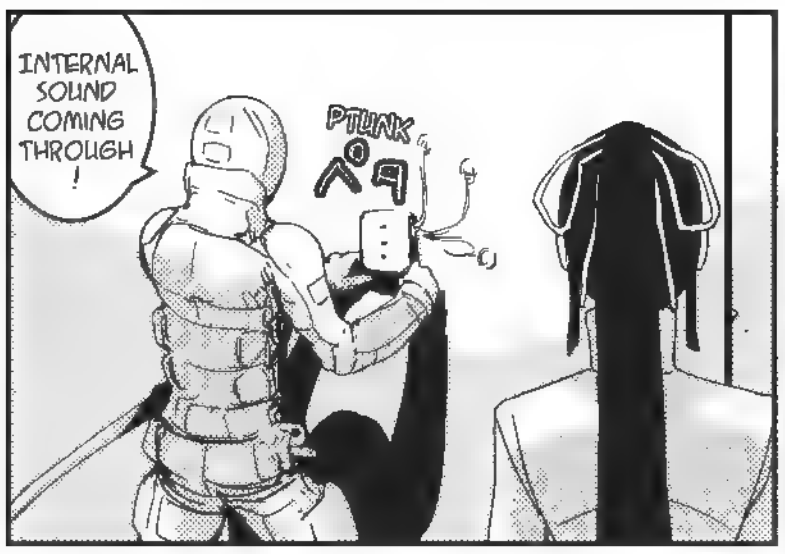
IT'S MATURING WITHOUT ISSUE.

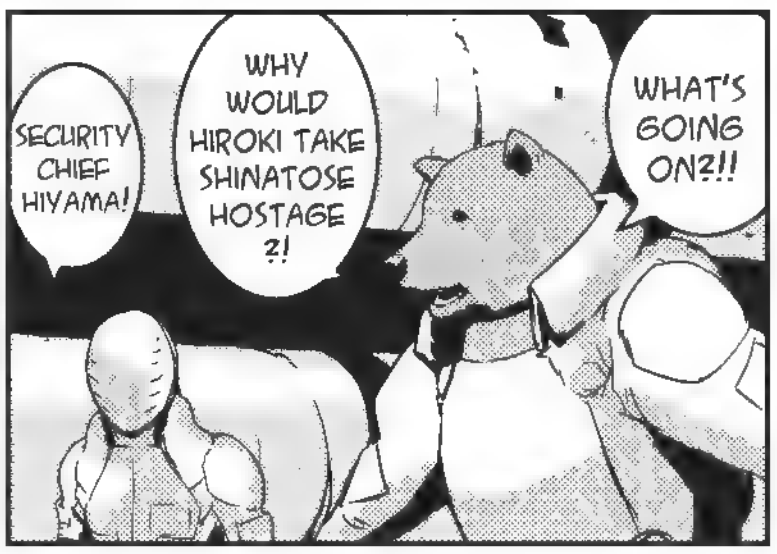
UNAGING ISN'T A TRAIT THAT'S PASSED ON IF IT'S MEDICALLY INDUCED AS IN OUR CASE ...

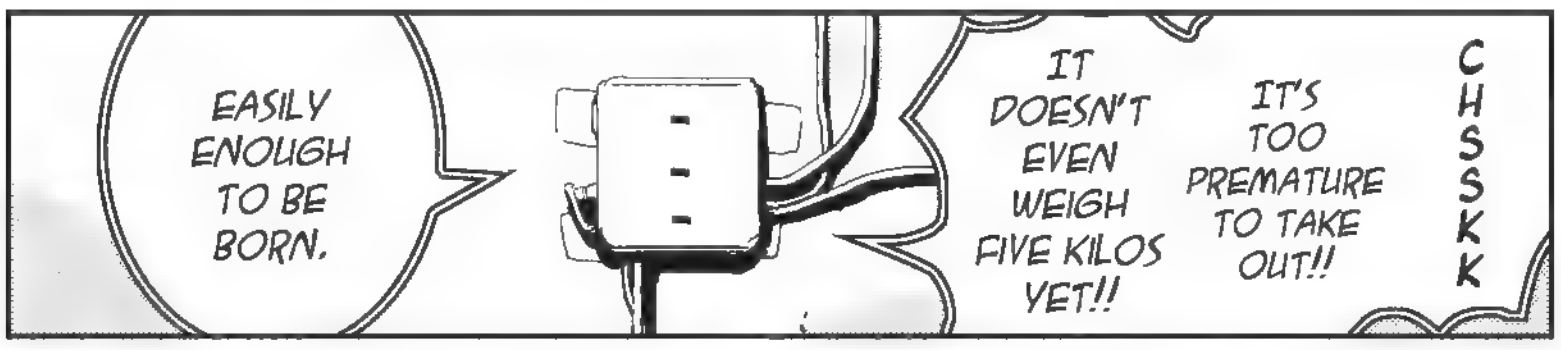
BUT THIS REPLACEMENT CLONE WITH MR. SAITO'S MODIFIED DNA WILL BE IMMORTAL FROM BIRTH.

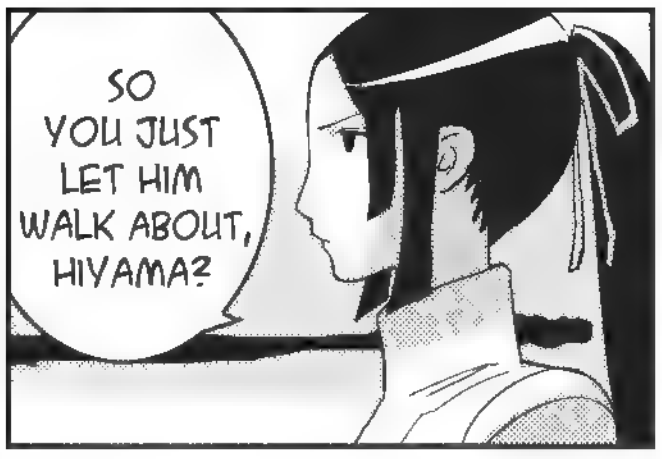
BUT... ARE WE SURE? I MODIFIED THE GENES AS YOU INSTRUCTED ...




INTERNAL SOUND COMING THROUGH!
PTUNK


SECURITY CHIEF HIYAMA!
WHY WOULD HIROKI TAKE SHINATOSE HOSTAGE?!
WHAT'S GOING ON?!!


EASILY ENOUGH TO BE BORN.
IT DOESN'T EVEN WEIGH FIVE KILOS YET!!
IT'S TOO PREMATURE TO TAKE OUT!!
CHSSKK


SO YOU JUST LET HIM WALK ABOUT, HIYAMA?

YOU GREW A CLONE OF HIROKI?!
KOBA-YASHI... YOU DIDN'T!

NO !!

BAM

EEEK

JUST SHUT UP AND OPEN THE DAMN THING!!

OPEN IT LIKE THAT AND WE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO PUT IT BACK IN...

TAKING THEM OUT OF AN AMNIOTIC TANK REQUIRES PREP!

THE DOOR'S OPENING !!

BIBIP

YOU PLAN TO KEEP HIM IN THIS THING UNTIL HE'S AN ADULT ?

WHAT GOOD'LL SUCH A GUY EVER BE?

ISN'T THAT DOOR OPEN YET?

WILL BE ANY MINUTE !

GWSSHHH

TWITCH

ROLL

TAK

TONK

PHWA

PFFA

WAAAHHH

WAAAAAAAHH

WAAAAAH

YOU TOOK THE CLONE OUT OF THE AMNIOTIC TANK?!

HIROKI !!!

YOUR EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE BELONG TO THE SHIP.

YOUR LIFE AND DEATH ARE NO LONGER YOUR OWN CALL.

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THE OATH OF THE SOCIETY?

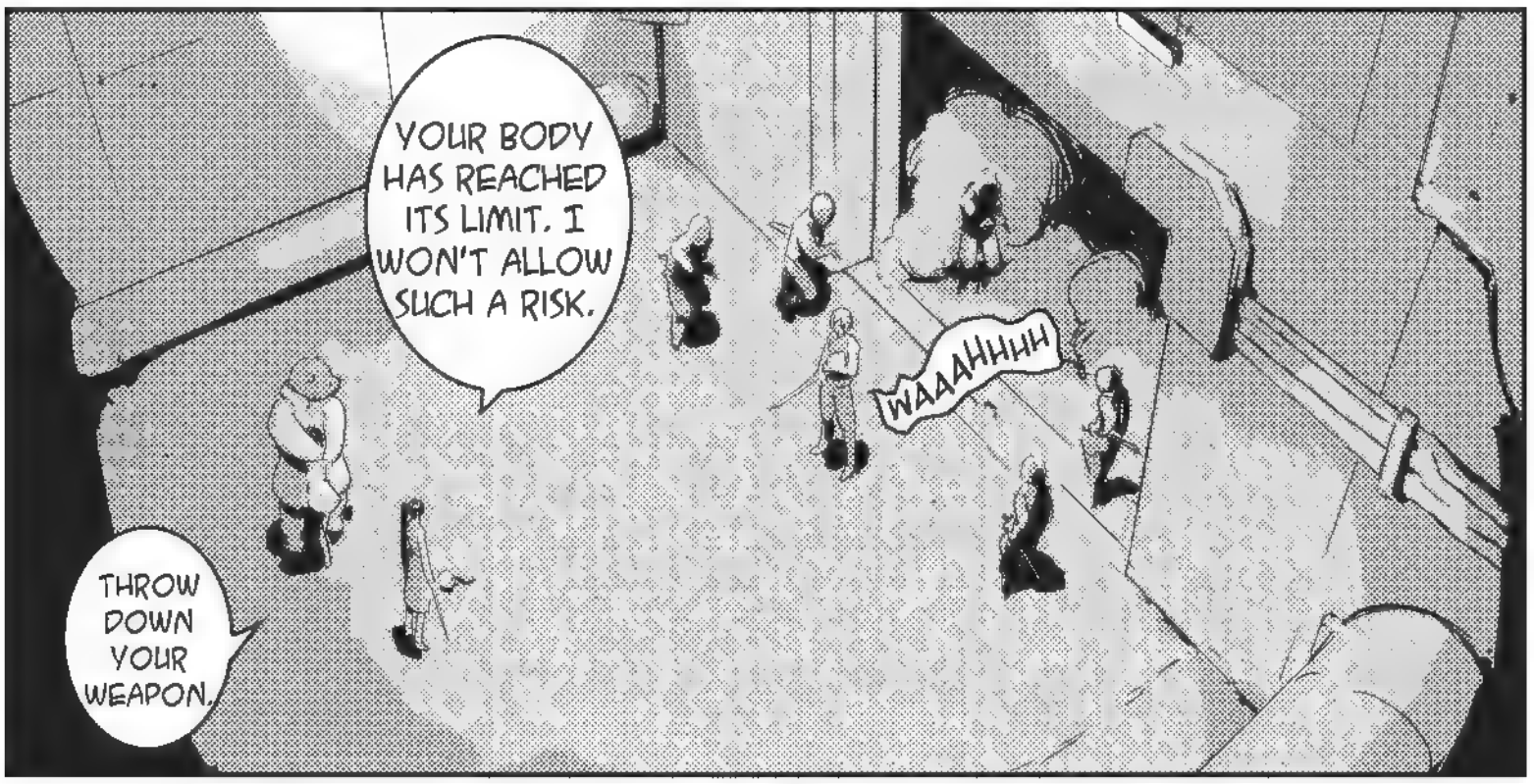
I SWEAR I'LL TEACH THIS CHILD EVERYTHING I KNOW.

TWITCH

WAAAHH

WAAHH

GIVE ME FIFTEEN YEARS... NO, TEN WILL DO.


YOUR BODY HAS REACHED ITS LIMIT. I WON'T ALLOW SUCH A RISK.
WAAAHHHH
THROW DOWN YOUR WEAPON.

DIPLO-MACY'S FAILED THEN?
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...

YOU LOT WAIT FOR MY ORDERS !

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HIROKI, PUT DOWN THAT KATANA !!

NO, NOOO !!

I WON'T LET YOU TAMPER WITH IT.

THIS CHILD IS MY CHILD.

BRACE YOUR-SELVES !!

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WHAM

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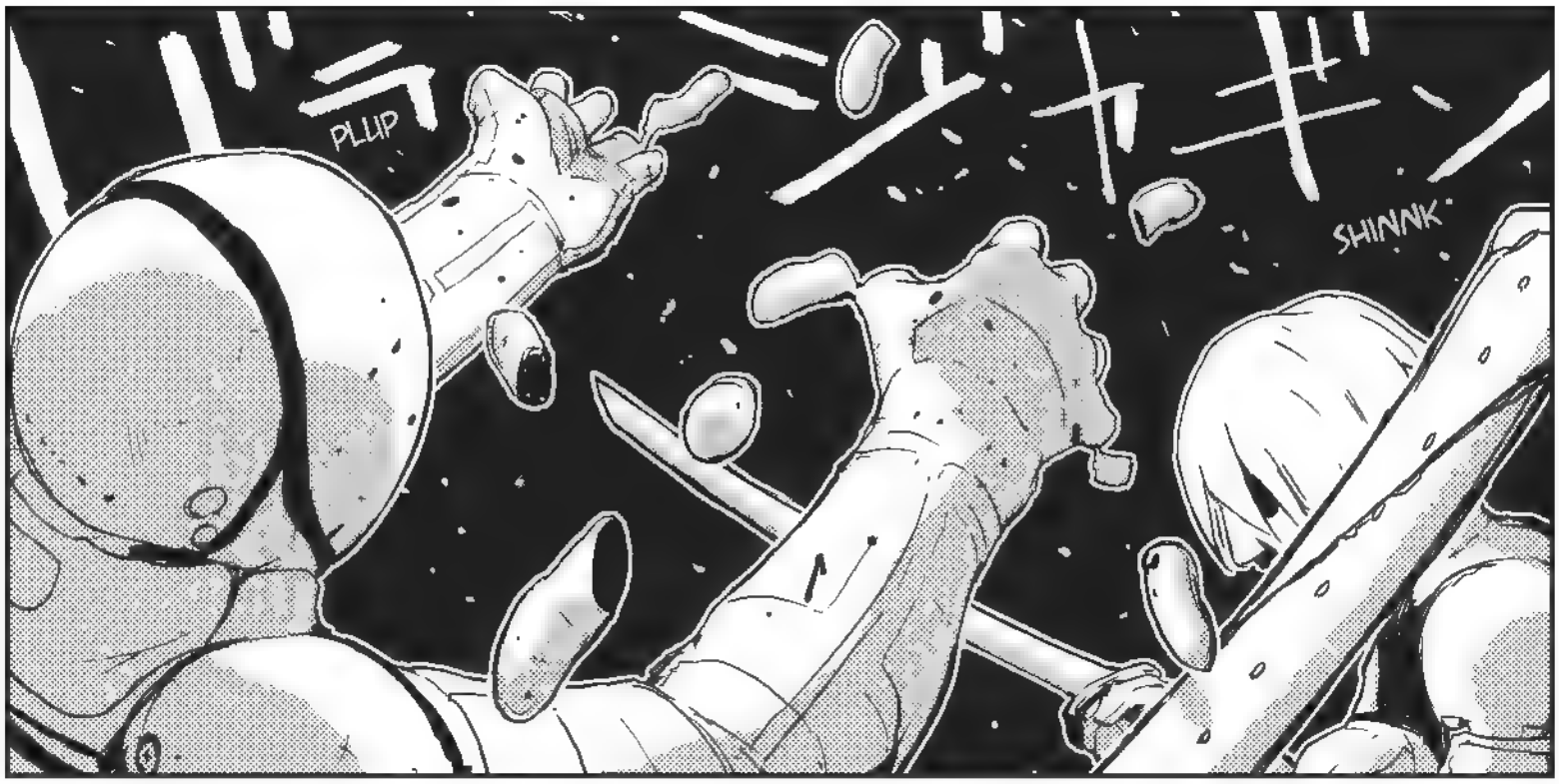
PLUP
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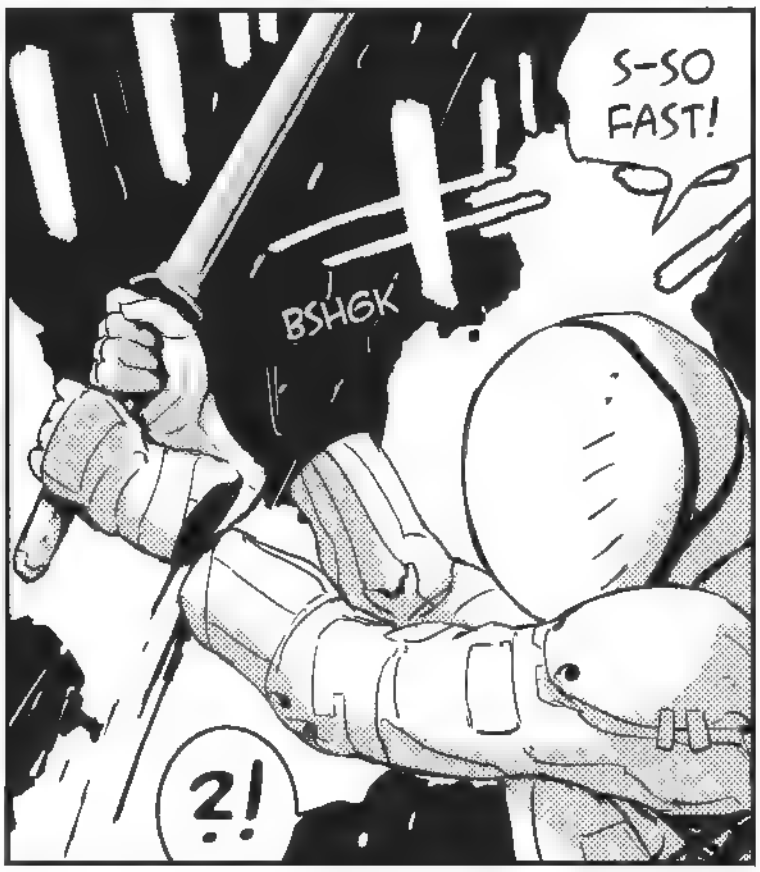
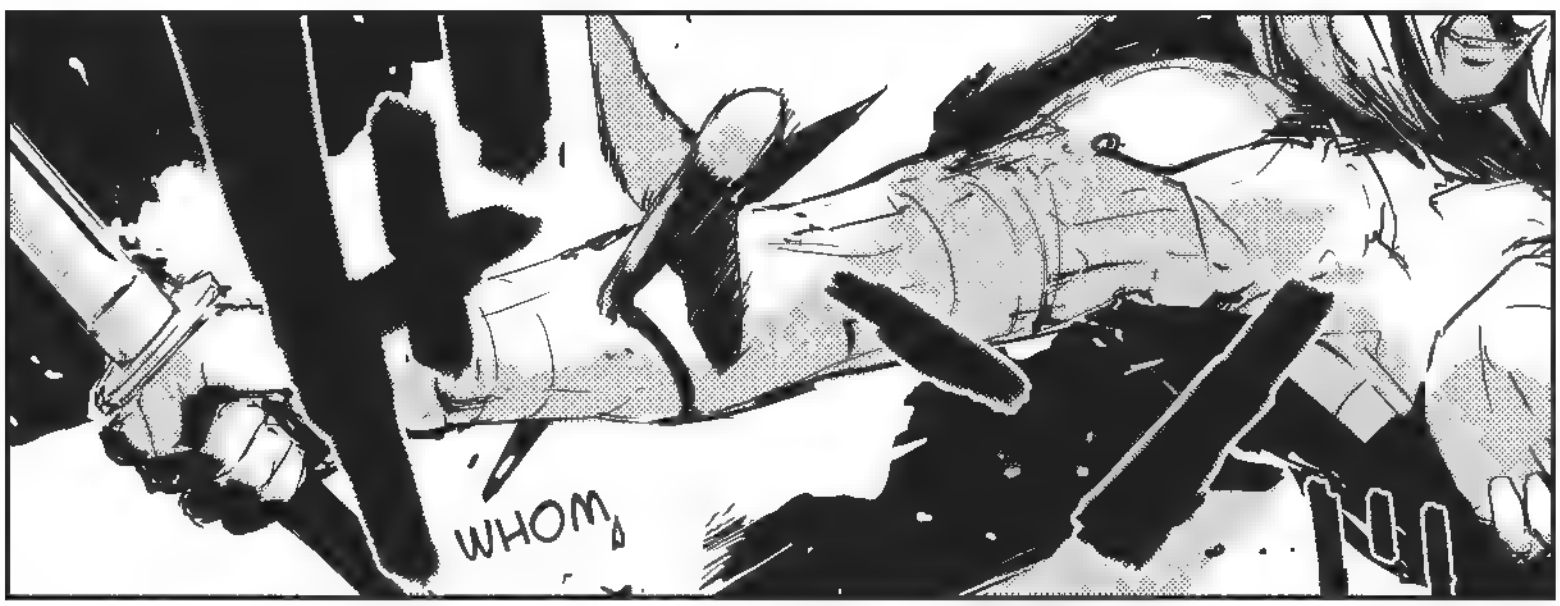

S-SO FAST!
BSHGK
?!


WHOM

GWAAAHH

WAAAHH

CROWD

WAAHHHH

CROWD

KANK

OLD-MODEL C-R TUBE

BLEP

HIRO, RUN !!

WHAMM

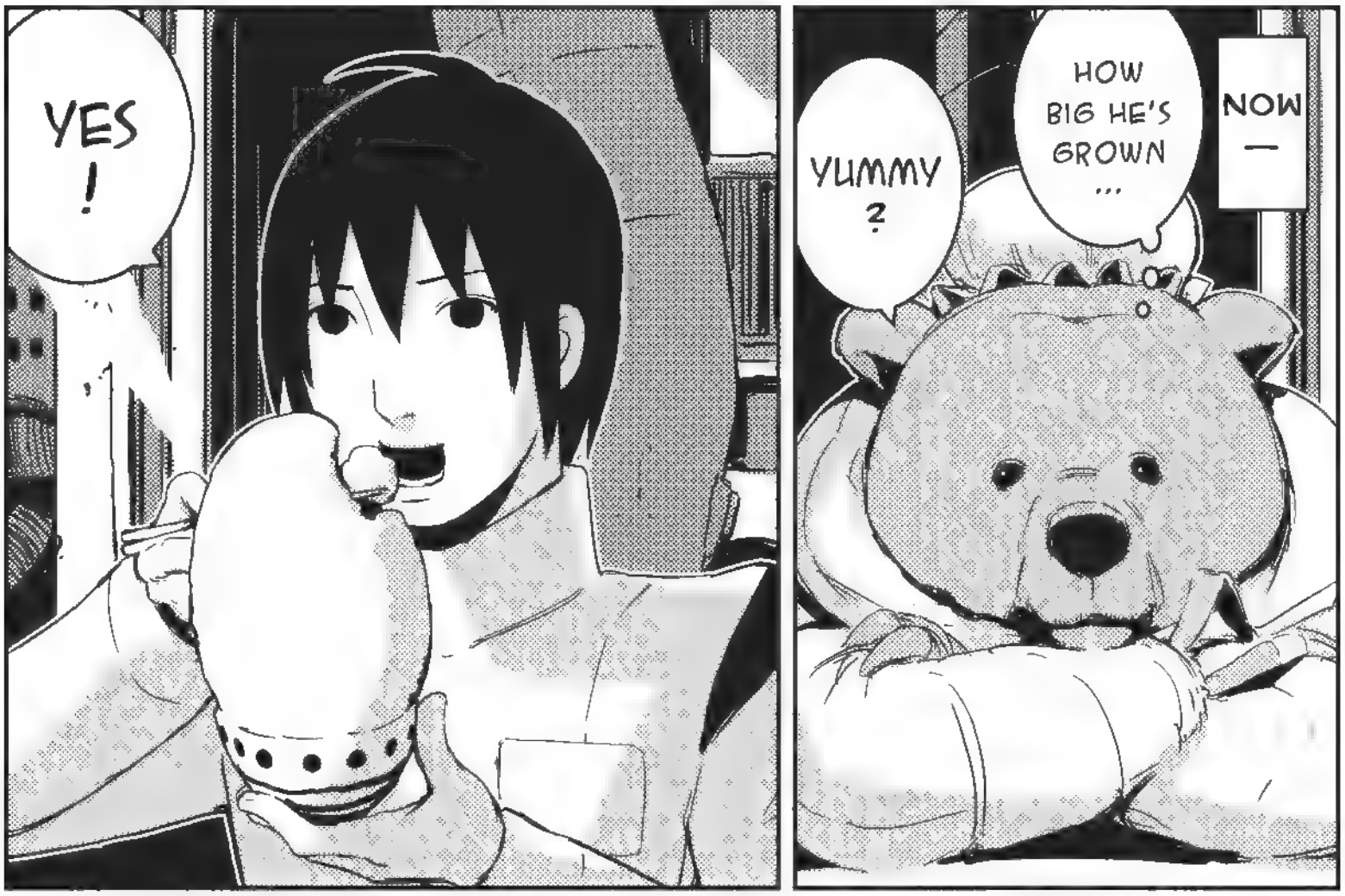
HURRY !!

I CAN'T HOLD THEM BACK FOR LONG !!

LALAH !!

IT'S EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO FIND ANYONE WHO SLIPS INTO THE OLDER CONVERSION-REACTOR TUBES THAT CRISS-CROSS THE SIDONIA.

THAT WAS THE LAST TIME I EVER SAW HIROKI...


YES!
YUMMY?
HOW BIG HE'S GROWN...
NOW—

MS. HIYAMA, WHY ARE YOU SO NICE JUST TO NAGATE?
I'VE BEEN WONDER-ING... UH

GOT LOST REMINISCING AGAIN... I NEED TO WATCH IT...
WHA?! A-AM I?

ETL LAB —

FSHHH

THAT PLACENTA MIMICKING SHIZUKA HOSHIJIRO ...

CAUTION

CHOKING

ZERO G

IT'S ALWAYS LOOKING AT ONE POINT, THE SAME DIRECTION...

ALMOST LIKE IT'S SEARCHING FOR SOMEONE ...

RIGHT !

PSH

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HMM

NOT WHERE HOSHIJIRO'S FAMILY OR TANIKAZE LIVES...

HOSHIJIRO PLACENTA'S LINE OF SIGHT

KABIZASHI ARMORY

THE ONLY PLACE THAT WAY WOULD BE THE KABIZASHI ARMORY ...

BUT... IF SO, WHY?

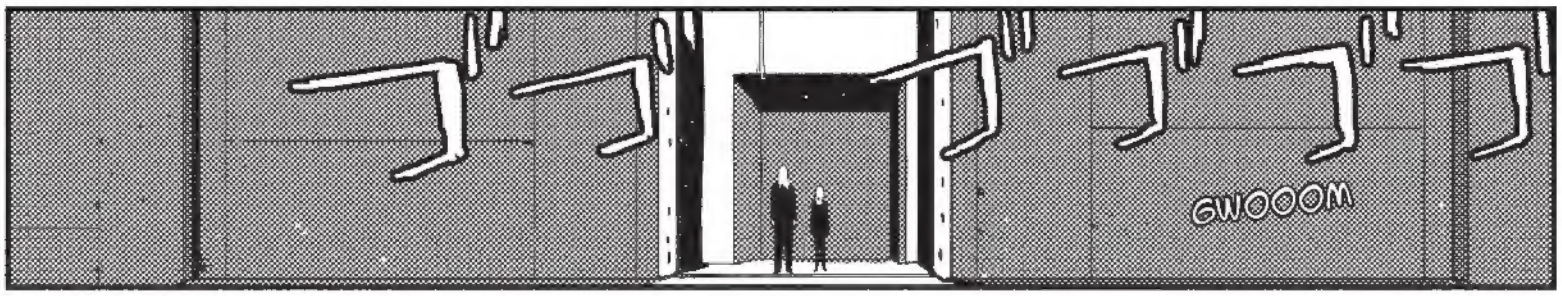
MANOR KUNATO

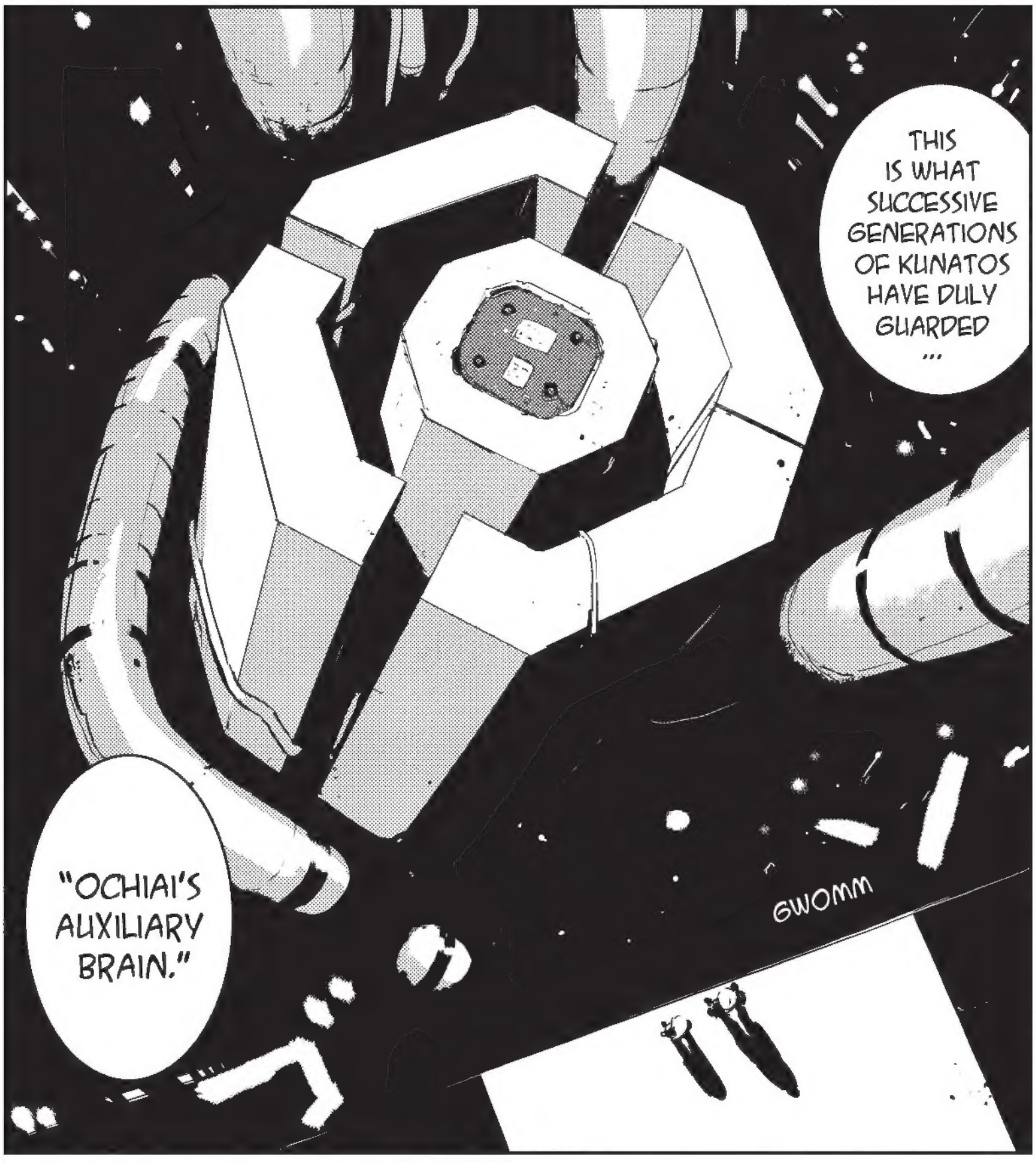
THE "KUNA" OF KUNATO— *DO NOT COME.*

AND "TO" OR *DEITY*— A KUNATO STAYS EVIL GODS.

IT'S TIME YOU LEARNED OF IT, YOUNG MASTER.

THIS PASSAGE LEADS TO A CERTAIN FACILITY OF SIDONIA'S.





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